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'Opponents shot outside palace'

Marcos regime in its death throes

From David Watts
Manila

Hong Kong officials have refused to identify a woman and two children who arrived unexpectedly from Manila by air last night and were interviewed by immigration officers (David Bonavia writes from Hong Kong). There is speculation that the group includes Mrs Imelda Marcos and one of her adopted children.

The Government said, however, that the woman was not related to President Marcos or his ally General Fabian Ver. Hong Kong will let the three stay for seven days. The three crew of the aircraft have asked to return to Manila.

The beleaguered Philippines regime of President Marcos appeared to be in its death throes last night, with the President still issuing orders from his palace for attacks on his opponents, even though his authority seemed to be diminishing hourly.

Early today shooting was reported outside the presidential palace, with some opposition supporters said to have been injured.

Late last night the isolated President ordered his Scout Rangers to attack the military camp occupied by troops supporting the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and the police chief, General Fidel Ramos. The camp was surrounded by thousands of civilians from the People's Power Movement trying to prevent violence.

In a last-minute television appeal General Ramos tried to get the attack order cancelled and, flanked by 10 deserting officers from the Rangers, called on others to leave and accused Mr Marcos of putting their commander under duress to carry out the operation. Regular updates on troop movements were being made over what used to be the Government television station in Manila until the reformist military officers took it over in the middle of a televised speech by Mr Marcos.

The attack was expected on the eve of Mrs Corazon Aquino's "People's proclamation" as the country's new President, which coincides with Mr Marcos's own inauguration ceremony. The ceremony is expected to be a family affair at Malacanang Palace with no foreign diplomats invited.

In the interests of making her government legitimate as soon as possible, Mrs Aquino has not had time to prepare invitations. Once the ceremony is finished, Mrs Aquino, who has already announced that she is preparing to form a provisional government, is expected to make appointments quickly.

The White House has given a warning that Mr Marcos must step down and that if there is any use of weapons against civilians American military aid will be cut off.

The European Economic Community last night expressed concern at reported troop movements and called on those responsible to avoid the shedding of blood among brothers and sisters. The statement came soon after mortar and machine gun attacks were reported on the Catholic radio station Veritas.

The President had overnight become almost a forgotten man holed up in his palace with his Army chief, Lieutenant Fabian Ver, issuing orders for attacks which can only mean civilian casualties while publicly pretending to try to avoid bloodshed.

Mr Marcos yesterday ordered strafing and mortar attacks on Camp Crame, which contains many civilians. Fortunately servicemen never carried them out. He also ordered a curfew from 6pm to 6am, which was largely ignored.

In a telephone interview with a television station Mr Marcos called on his loyalists to go to the palace with their guns — "We will show that we have people power, too." The telephone line was constantly cut off for some strange reason.

There were isolated outbreaks of fighting yesterday at the airport where Mr Marcos's Minister of Information, Mr Gregorio Cendana, was said to have been arrested. There was fighting near the palace and during the takeover of the government radio station, which was captured and subsequently stopped broadcasting during a televised speech by the President. Considering the high tension, it was surprising that there were no more outbreaks.

Flights at Manila airport were disrupted after five Sikorsky Blackhawk helicopters from Camp Crame attacked and destroyed five helicopters on the ground at the adjoining Villamor air base.

One of the Blackhawks also fired rockets at the presidential palace.

The helicopters, together with F5 jet fighters, give the Ramos-Enrile faction a distinct military advantage.



The Queen is escorted by an official to a children's show after an egg hit her coat at the start of her visit to Auckland.
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Tory plan to emphasize private health services

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Leading Conservatives disclosed yesterday that the party was considering a drive to reform the National Health Service, with a greater emphasis on private care and new charges for those able to pay.

The disclosure in planning for the next election manifesto came as Downing Street sources confirmed yesterday's report in *The Times* that a schools voucher system was being considered in an attempt to give parents greater choice in their children's education.

It was also confirmed that the Prime Minister was keen to create a system of direct grant primary schools, particularly in the inner cities.

A senior Whitehall source said that the thinking for the next Parliament was that a voucher system, under which parents would be given credits to the value of a state education and which could be spent in the private sector, would help to reintroduce choice, competition and excellence into schools.

The voucher system, now being called credit or access schemes, was last mooted by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Sir Keith Joseph, in 1982 but was dropped a year later.

Senior Conservatives, clearly delighted by the *Times* report, said yesterday that the National Health Service was another target for reform.

It was said that one idea killed by Mrs Margaret Thatcher during the 1979 and 1983 election campaigns, the introduction of boarding charges for well off hospital patients, was being re-examined.

But a range of options are now being considered to increase the privatization of health care. Mr Norman Tebbit, now party chairman, said last November that there were already five million people with private health insurance.

He said then: "The esential of the National health Service is not so much who provides the service but that the patient should not be denied treatment because he cannot pay for it".

Mr Tebbit, who is expected to take charge of the next election manifesto, also said at a party conference fringe meeting in 1982: "A natural consequence of higher personal disposable incomes should be a willigness to spend more of one's own income on medical services".

Tax concessions on contributions to private health care cannot be ruled out as part of the package, and it is possible that private management could be introduced to National Health Service hospitals.

Downing Street sources also said yesterday that, in addition to a voucher system and direct grant primary schools for the inner cities, the Prime Minister would like to see business and commerce putting back into society some of their profits, perhaps in the form of school foundations.

The strong drive on Conservative policy will hearten the Conservative right wing. But the Conservative "wets" were already preparing their contingency resistance plans and the Opposition parties will try to exploit public fears about the unknown.

Mr Clement Freud, the Liberal spokesman on education, said last night: "By talking about the reincarnation of direct grant schools and vouchers the Government is doing a tremendous disservice to the education sector and delivering a substantial insult to the teachers".

● Cuts in the number of medical academics had had only a marginal effect on health services, even though 230 posts had been frozen or abolished since 1981, the Government said yesterday in reply to a Commons social services select committee report (our Social Services Correspondent writes).

UGC cuts and Medical Services Report: Follow-up Observations by the Government on the Third Report from the Social Services Committee (Stationery Office: £1.35).

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End of the line



Do the caring professions have the right attitude to attempted suicides?

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Compact discs: the slow revolution

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio daily competition prize of £2,000 was won yesterday by Dr Eric Cole of Darlington. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, page 32.

Tebbit tells of bombing pains

Mr Norman Tebbit has described how he uses work to dull the pain and the memories of the Brighton bombing 18 months ago which left his wife almost totally paralysed.
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Red carpet

Two delegates from the Labour Party will be among others from left-wing European parties granted equal status with foreign Communists as guests at the 27th Soviet party congress opening in Moscow today.
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New BL clash

Mr Edward Heath accused Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party chairman, of being behind the attack on his speech opposing a General Motors takeover of BL.
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Data date

The offices of the Data Protection Registrar, where people can discover what information companies have stored about them on computers, opened yesterday.
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Eight changes

After the debacle of Murrayfield, England have made eight changes and introduced two new caps. Clough and Richards, for the game against Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday.
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US set to fly out President

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Reagan Administration, after formally calling on President Marcos to hand over power to a transitional government, was on high alert yesterday monitoring the crisis in the Philippines.

Throughout the day it sent messages to the Marcos Government and to the opposition groups.

There are clear hints here that the US is now making preparations to fly Mr Marcos out of the country if and when he asks.

After a strong pro-dawn statement from the White House, officials here said little about the US efforts to contain and direct the crisis, beyond urging all parties to refrain from violence.

On Sunday Mr Reagan warned President Marcos that, if his forces attacked the rebel soldiers, US military aid would be immediately cut off.

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The State Department said it had still not received any invitation to the inauguration of President Marcos, due to be held today. It understood however that this was a "relatively private affair".

There are clear signs here that no one seriously expects this now to take place.

The State Department spokesman insisted that there was no threat to the US bases from the crisis in the Philippines. He said that the US would do whatever it could to assure the safety of Mr Marcos and his family.

Mr Philip Habib, the US special envoy, who is understood to have discussed plans for Mr Marcos's departure while in the Philippines, briefed Congress yesterday afternoon.

Kinnock may lift press ban for poll

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock and Labour's National Executive Committee will come under strong pressure tomorrow to lift the ban on speaking to News International journalists during the Fulham by-election campaign.

The boycott is proving increasingly awkward for senior Labour figures. Yesterday Mr John Prescott, Labour's chief employment spokesman, visited Fulham to support the party's prospective candidate, only to be faced with an embarrassing choice: to answer questions from *The Times* at a publicized press conference or in effect to ruin a meeting arranged to boost the candidate's campaign.

Mr Prescott, who discussed the problem privately with Mr Nick Raynsford, the prospective candidate, decided reluctantly and with evident discomfort to go ahead with the press conference and to answer questions.

"You know the dilemma. You know it as well as I do. The reality is that I am talking, aren't I?" Mr Prescott said.

Although the writ for the Fulham by-election is yet to be moved, campaigning is already under way in the south-west London constituency. Labour, which has in Mr Raynsford a first-class candidate, is hopeful of overcoming a Conservative majority of under 5,000 at the last general election.

But the last thing Mr Raynsford or senior party spokesmen want is their campaign damaged and overshadowed by a refusal to speak to certain journalists. The NEC is thus expected to discuss lifting the ban for future parliamentary by-elections.

Mr Raynsford insisted yesterday that he had a responsibility as a by-election candidate to put over Labour's point of view to all journalists — "And I shall do that."

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Pound and shares continue advance

The pound jumped by nearly 2 cents against the dollar yesterday, to $1.4635, and was gaining further ground in New York last night. The pound's strength and hopes that next month's Budget will bring lower base rates lifted share prices to new highs.

Sterling's rise came despite a drop in North Sea oil prices to less than $14 a barrel. The pound held steady against the European currencies, and the sterling index rose 0.4 to 74.9. Last night in New York, the pound was quoted at $1.4685.

Share prices continued their record run. The Financial Times 30-share index closed 19.2 points up at 1,275.2. Encouraging economic forecasts from the London Business School and the Confederation of British Industry helped fuel share buying.

There are growing hopes that the Budget on March 18 will herald a series of moves towards cheaper money in Britain. Money market interest rates edged down, and some dealers believe that a half-point reduction in base rates from the current 12.5 per cent could take place.

However, most City dealers expect the Chancellor to wait until around Budget day before cutting rates, when a reduction would compensate for what are expected to be only modest tax cuts.

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Tenpenny victory for Fowler

By Philip Webster

The 10p increase in child benefit announced yesterday represented a victory for Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, over the Treasury.

The increase was double what most Conservatives had expected and averted a backbench rebellion.

The Treasury was believed by some MPs to have argued that the change was so small as to be not worthwhile.

Mr Nigel Forman, MP for Carshalton and Wallington, said the married man's tax allowance had been increased by 17 per cent in real terms, while child benefit, before yesterday's announcement, had decreased by 3 per cent in real terms.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's chief spokesman on social security, described the child benefit increase as "piffling".

Mr Robin Corbett, Labour MP for Erdington, said that the 40p-a-week increase for a single person's pension would purchase about six eggs.

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Heritage finance flaw

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission said yesterday that it had been forced to revise and tighten its financial procedures after the disclosure of irregularities within its marketing division.

The commission, which is also known as English Heritage, was established in April 1984 to take over the historic buildings responsibilities of the Department of the Environment.

It has a budget from the Exchequer this year of £62 million.

The commission said that reports of overspending were based on material from its own internal auditors' report. Twelve separate audits had been carried out last year, and the marketing division was the only area in which significant weaknesses had been discovered.

Tass jeers at Reagan arms reply

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Tass yesterday issued a scathing dismissal of President Reagan's response to the Soviet Union's sweeping proposals for eliminating nuclear weapons by the year 2,000, which were first announced by Mr Gorbachov more than five weeks ago.

In a report from Washington, the agency stated: "The reply, which constitutes a propaganda strategem designed to justify Washington's unwillingness to take real steps along the lines of ridding the world of the threat of nuclear annihilation, also pursues the aim of diverting attention from the Soviet proposals and of justifying the US Administration's course towards further spiralling the arms race".

The US counter-proposals, contained in a personal letter from President Reagan delivered to the Foreign Ministry here on Sunday, were also attacked on Soviet television by a leading commentator, Boris Kalyagin, who said they contained "practically nothing of a constructive character".

In its report, Tass complained about the limited scope of the US reply, which it said referred only to medium-range missiles and did not touch on the question of strategic arms.

The formal Soviet response is expected to be spelt out later today, when Mr Gorbachov delivers his keynote address to the opening session of the 27th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

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Head teachers to close schools

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Head teachers in England and Wales have voted to close schools at lunchtime for up to a week in support of their campaign for new arrangements for supervising children at midday.

Such action would be the first that head teachers have taken nationally, and the shutdown will take place before March 14. It is likely in the first instance to amount to a one-day closure of all schools at lunchtime.

A ballot by the National Association of Head Teachers of its 20,000 members found majorities in favour of closing schools at lunchtime for just one day, one day a week, and for one whole week. But the majority for a week-long closure was very small: 50.48 per cent.

The majority supporting a one day a week lunchtime closure was also small, 50.57 per cent, while the proposal for a single one day closure was backed by 60 per cent of those voting. However, the ballot found a majority against closing schools at lunchtime for limited periods or indefinitely.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the head teachers' association, said the objective of the action was to get the local authority employers to the negotiating table and agree a national agreement for supervising pupils at midday.

His association objects to the Government's £40 million scheme that enables local education authorities to employ supervisors, who do not have to be teachers, at locally negotiated rates.

The association wants a national scheme with teachers working as senior supervisors and being paid £8 an hour. It also wants head teachers to be paid for looking after pupils at lunchtime.

Head teachers will be advised rather than instructed to close their schools.

The Government had for too long been relying on heads to "pull the fat out of the fire" over a collapsing supervision system, but headteachers had now had enough. "If the Government wants a school meals service and wants children supervised properly at midday, then they have got to pay for it," he said.

The association estimates that a national scheme, including teachers supervising at lunchtime, would cost £114million.



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Chambers 'divided' over Hailsham

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The double-edged job of representing the Lord Chancellor in the forthcoming legal action against the Bar has fallen to Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC. It will be down to him to put the case for Lord Hailsham who has refused not only to increase fees for his colleagues at the criminal Bar but will not even negotiate the issue.

By coincidence, Mr Phillips, at 48, one of the most sought-after commercial silks, is in the same chambers, 1 Brick Court, as the silk chosen to represent the Bar in this unprecedented legal action, Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC.

The chambers also boast the membership of the chairman of the Bar, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, in whose name the legal proceedings, in which Lord Hailsham is accused of acting illegally, are being brought.

Lest there should be fears that the whole matter could be sewn up "in house" his clerk said yesterday that steps have been taken "to ensure absolute confidentiality to both sides." In fact, the chambers are split between a number of buildings and just to make sure another clerk has been appointed for Mr Phillips.

Mr Phillips, chairman of the governors of Bryanston School, came to prominence recently as chairman of the committee which recommendedradical proposals for streamlining the work of the commercial court. They will be debated by commercial lawyers and judges at a special meeting chaired by the Master of the Rolls tonight.

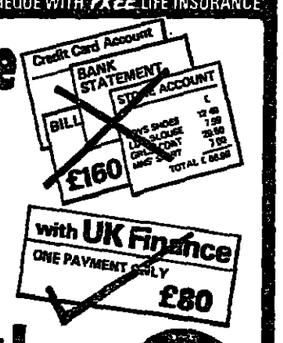
The Lord Chancellor also faces legal proceedings from the Law Society over his decision to limit the rise for legal aid work to five per cent. The preliminary application seeking leave to bring the action will be heard tomorrow.

The Law Society's solicitors Ward Bowie and Co, have chosen Mr Robert Carnwath, QC (not, this time, of 1 Brick Court, but of 2 Paper Buildings) for the job of putting its case.

The chambers, which are headed by Mr Philip Owen, QC, has nine silks, among them Mr Nicholas Lyell, QC MP, now parliamentary private secretary to the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, QC.

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Tougher rules on payments accompany benefit rises

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Pensions and other social security benefits are to rise by 1.1 per cent in July, with an extra 5p for child benefit taking the weekly payments to £7.10p.

But at the same time the Government is proposing much tougher rules on single payments for items such as furniture, cookers and clothing for those on supplementary benefit. The rules are aimed at cutting by about £80 million a year the steeply rising bill for single payments.

The pension and other increases come as the Government is moving the annual uprating date for benefit increases from November to April by having an increase this July followed by one in April next year.

The rises take a single person's pension up by 40p to £38.70 and the pension for a couple up by 65p to £61.30.

Child benefit, which on the formula used would have risen by only 5p after the 1.1 per cent rise in inflation between last May and January, is to go up by 10p, restoring 5p of the 35p cut in its real value that was made last November.

Those on supplementary benefit lose marginally because their increase will be only 1.1 per cent instead of the 1.2 per cent they should have received after housing costs were taken into account.

That, and a decision not to increase the extra weekly payments made to people on supplementary benefit, with the exception of a 10p rise in the higher rate of heating addition for the very old, the severely disabled and those with homes that are hard to heat, will save £19 million in a full year.

With changes in housing benefit rules and payments to those aged 21 to 24, another £12 million a year will be saved.

That saving of £31 million is offset by the £25 million being spent on raising child benefit by 10p instead of 5p.

The most controversial changes, however, are the proposed restrictions on single payments for items such as furniture.

Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Social Security, said such one-off payments had risen from under one million in 1981 to more than four million last year, the cost rising from £45 million a year to more than £300 million.

There was some evidence of fraud and abuse, he said, with people claiming that large quantities of clothing had been stolen or damaged in launderettes; take-up campaigns by local authorities had helped to raise the bill.

Under the Government's proposals, which have been sent to the Social Security Advisory Committee for comment, people in general will no longer be able to claim for furniture, cookers, washing machines or other expensive household items unless they have recently moved house for a good reason.

National standard sums will be fixed for the items that can be provided—for example, £150 for a cooker or £65 for a single bed. In addition, present rules that allow people to claim for all sorts of minor items from irons to hot water bottles will be replaced by a single £25 sum to cover all such items.

Bedding will be available only to those with good reason to move, or to the elderly, sick and disabled.

● The London Borough of Camden claimed in the High Court yesterday that the new bed and breakfast regulations are costing its ratepayers £30,000 a week.

It is asking Mr Justice McPherson to rule the regulations unlawful and award the council damages.

Mr Richard Drabble, for the council, said Camden was under a duty to provide accommodation for the homeless and those in need. But the maximum fixed by the regulations was unreasonably low.

He claimed that the minister erred when he put the regulations before Parliament by publishing details of the regulations separately.

The hearing continues.



Spitfire pilots relived old battles yesterday as they began celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the aircraft which became the symbol of British defiance of the Luftwaffe during the Second World War.
Fifteen men who flew the aircraft then met at the RAF Club in London.
The anniversary is on March 5, with fly-pasts over London and Eastleigh, Hampshire, where the aircraft was first built, and yesterday's gathering was the first of many praising the aircraft.
Mr Jeffrey Quill, who flew the first Spitfire in 1936 and became chief test pilot, said: "The Spitfire had the edge over other aircraft."
Group Captain Hugh "Cocky" Dundas was shot down twice, but recorded 10-12 hits of his own. "If anything ever went wrong with the aircraft, it was my fault, not the Spitfire's," he said. Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling added that "you felt part of the aircraft".
At the get-together (front row, from left) are Group Captain Laddie Lucas, Wing Commander Paddy Barthropp, Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, Mr Quill, Group Captain Duncan Smith and Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler; (back row, from left) Air Commodore Peter Brothers, Wing Commander Geoffrey Page, Captain George Baldwin, Air Commodore Al Deere, Group Captain Brian Kingcome, Captain "Winkle" Brown, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling and Group Captain "Cats Eyes" Cunningham (Photograph: John Manning).

Bernini bust may be saved for nation

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The Bernini bust, on sale as the world's most expensive piece of sculpture, is likely to be one of the first items to be saved for the nation by the Government's decision last week to give an extra £10.5 million to the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

The Victoria and Albert Museum recently failed to raise the £3 million private sale price to buy the bust from the Castle Howard estate, which is selling it to cover taxes after the death of Lord Howard, the former chairman of the BBC. The museum was unable to raise sufficient money to meet the estate's price, which is several million pounds below what the bust could achieve on the open market.

The heritage fund has not earmarked any of the £10.5 million for any specific purchase, but it is expected that assistance towards the purchase of the bust for a British institution will be considered. There is speculation that the V&A may revive its bid to take advantage of the new funding.

Hurd says no reform for police

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Proposed reforms of police disciplinary measures were rejected by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, at a meeting with Mr Christopher Smith, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, yesterday.

Four of the five alleged victims of an assault, with which four policemen were charged on Sunday, were also due to meet Mr Hurd yesterday, but it was thought inappropriate in the circumstances.

Mr Smith said Mr Hurd refused to consider a review of police disciplinary measures. "I was disappointed at his reluctance to consider the system of discipline and complaint."

He said the Home Secretary also refused his request to make the Police Complaints Authority, which uses police officers to carry out investigations, fully independent. Mr Hurd ruled out any change in the nature of the evidence needed before any disciplinary action could be taken.

Mr Smith said he wanted Mr Hurd to consider changing the test of the evidence needed for disciplinary measures, but not criminal prosecutions, from "beyond reasonable doubt" to "a balance of probabilities".

The four policemen have been charged with conspiracy to assault five youths outside a fenfair in Holloway, north London.

Their arrest came two days after Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, announced a new inquiry into the alleged attack.

Police Constables Michael John Gavin and Michael John Parr, both aged 27, and Police Constables Edward Napier-Main and Nicholas John Wise, both aged 26, have been bailed and suspended from duty. They will appear before Bow Street magistrates on March 11.

Thatcher lists achievements

UK 'outpacing Germany'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The United Kingdom's manufacturing productivity is outpacing that of France and West Germany, the Prime Minister said last night.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a lengthy Commons reply on her achievements since 1979: "Manufacturing productivity has risen at an average annual rate of 6 per cent for the last five years, higher than France or Germany, and company profitability is at its highest for two decades."

She said: "The rate of inflation is almost half the level the government inherited, with further falls in prospect.

"The United Kingdom is in its fifth successive year of growth with gross domestic product at an all-time high; and output is expected to have grown faster in 1985 than all other European Community countries and the United States.

Among other achievements listed:

● Employment rising with around 700,000 more people in work since March 1983;

● Income tax thresholds raised by about 20 per cent in real terms;

● Twelve leading companies privatized, with a target of 40 per cent of the state-owned industrial sector privatized by the end of the Parliament;

● Pay, price and dividend controls abolished along with controls on foreign exchange, bank lending, hire purchase, industrial and office development;

● Productivity per person in agriculture improved by more than 40 per cent;

● Spending on major roads increased by 30 per cent and more than 500 miles of motorways and trunk roads completed;

● Total manpower in the police service in Great Britain up by 17,000 and expenditure in England and Wales up by one third in real terms.

● Retirement pension at record level in real terms;

● Spending on the health service up by 21 per cent in real terms;

● More than a million trained on the Youth Training Scheme since its 1983 introduction;

● Abolition of the Greater London Council and metropolitan county councils from the end of next month;

● An increase of 2.25 million in the number of home-owners, owner occupation now at 62 per cent, and the proportion of young people owning their own home the highest in Europe.

Mrs Thatcher also said that legislation had been passed "extending the rights of members of trades unions to influence the affairs of their unions and to restore the balance in industrial relations between managements and unions".

Teachers call for a merger

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

A merger between the biggest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, and its principal rival, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, is being called for by local associations of the NUT.

That is the most popular resolution in the preliminary agenda for the NUT's annual conference, published yesterday, and it is supported by 56,534 individual votes, more than for any of the other 42 motions given provisional priority for debate.

The motion urges the NUT executive to have talks with the NAS/UWT, with the aim of closer collaboration at national and local level, and the eventual merger of the two unions as a single, TUC-affiliated organization.

The NUT has 216,000 members against the NAS/UWT's 127,000, and the two have been at loggerheads for the past year over tactics in the pay dispute.

"Divisions among teaching unions are an obstacle to the successful defence of education", the 24 associations which signed the motion say. Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the NAS/UWT, was not so sure. "If the NUT practised unity before preaching it, we might be able to make better progress", he said.

The animosity between the two unions at national level is not reflected at the grassroots, but it is a result of the fundamental division over tactics. The NUT's policy was to go for a big pay rise this year to make up some of the pay erosion of the past 10 years.

The second biggest union thought that was unrealistic and that a reasonable deal should be struck this year, with the big push being made in the next pay round.

Derby death trio cleared

A detective sergeant, his father-in-law and another man were cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of the manslaughter of a postal worker in a fight on a bus near the Ascot winning post on Derby Day in June 1984.

Judge Thomas Pigot, the Common Sergeant of London, ruled there was no evidence that Detective Sergeant Robert Miles, aged 26, his father-in-law, Mr Raymond Hudson, aged 44, and Mr Michael Clothier, aged 47, all of Cobham, Surrey, had taken part in an attack on Mr Peter Albury, aged 42, of Sutton, Surrey.

Cannabis fine

Jenny Woodward, aged 31, leader of the campaign to oust Mr Ray Honeyford, headmaster at the centre of an ethnic education controversy, was fined £50 by city magistrates yesterday for growing cannabis at her home in St Paul's Road, Bradford.

Fire deaths

Three young children aged eight months, three years, and five years, died yesterday when fire swept through their terrace home in Burnley, Lancashire. Their parents, Mr Javid Khalad and his wife Sanina were taken to hospital with shock.

Strike at pit

A strike call by NUM officials at Bevercotes colliery near Retford, Nottinghamshire, yesterday in protest at the dismissal of the union's branch secretary at the pit was obeyed by 170 out of the 400 miners on the underground day shift.

Foodhalls end

Nine Debenhams department stores will close their foodhalls next month with the loss of 360 jobs. The owners, the Burton group, said there would be opportunities for redeployment but redundancies were inevitable. The space will be used for fashion goods.

£1,000 rat

Roberto Bersini, aged 31, an Italian lorry driver who brought his pet white rat into Britain, was fined £1,000 by Middleton magistrates in Greater Manchester yesterday after admitting breaking anti-rabies laws.

Penny rise

A penny increase in pocket money in line with inflation is being recommended for children aged up to four in the care of Staffordshire County Council. The children will now get 34p a week.

Theft charges

Chief Inspector Gavin O'Brien, aged 35, a member of the headquarters staff of Sussex Police and in charge of the force's reorganization unit, will appear before Worthing magistrates on March 12 on two charges of theft.

Boys admitted

The Princess of Wales' former boarding school, Riddlesworth Hall, at Stetford, Norfolk, will admit boys aged five to seven for the first time in September.

Editors seek race legislation safeguards

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office is to consider redrafting proposals under the Public Order Bill after newspaper editors expressed concern that they will be at risk of prosecution over articles on racism.

The Guild of British Newspaper Editors protested that they could be prosecuted for possessing solicited or unsolicited material of a racially inflammatory nature which had been kept either for their records or for articles

The Bill extends the offence of incitement to racial hatred to the publication or distribution of material likely or intended to stir up racial hatred.

The editors were concerned that the Bill contained no safeguard, as did the offence of incitement to racial hatred under the Race Relations Act, 1976, which included the qualifying phrase, "having regard to all the circumstances".

Home Office officials said they were "exploring the possibility of returning to something rather closer" to the original phrasing.

No change of policy was intended in the redrafting, nor would the Press be placed in a different position. Under the Public Order Bill, the courts would have to consider any possible offence in the context of the publication as a whole.

In a letter to the guild, the Home Office said: "We are anxious not to give the impression, however wrongly, that all the surrounding circumstances cannot be taken into account".

Heath in new BL storm

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Mr Edward Heath was at the centre of a new storm over the BL sale yesterday when he accused Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, of being behind criticism of his speech on Sunday opposing a takeover by General Motors of the United States.

The allegation came after some figures in the Conservative Group for Europe attacked Mr Heath for using their platform to criticize government policy over BL.

An organizer was quoted unattributably by the Press Association news agency as saying that members were none too pleased that Mr Heath, the group's president, had used the occasion to issue a "tirade" against the Government.

Mr Tony Baldry, Conservative MP for Banbury, chairman of the session at which Mr Heath spoke, said: "Mr Heath's speeech was received in fairly stony silence."

Mr Ian Taylor, chairman of the group, said that Mr Heath had been "rather naughty". He said: "He was there to discuss the position of the centre-right parties in Europe in what should have been a very constructive weekend."

But members of Mr Heath's staff who were at the conference said that he was loudly applauded and that many people present had expressed support for his views afterwards.

A statement from Mr Heath's office then added: "If Mr Tebbit wishes to dispute Mr Heath's view he should do so openly and in public rather than attempt to use members of his staff, including his secretary who holds a position in the Conservative Group for Europe, to do his dirty work for him."

Miss Beryl Goldsmith, Mr Tebbit's secretary, is a former chairman of the group. She said last night that she did not intend to reply to what was a "near libellous statement".

Mr Tebbit was said last night to be taken aback at what Mr Heath had alleged about his involvement.

● Land Rover workers yesterday rejected any takeover of their company, and said they wanted it to remain British.

The 8,500 men who produce Land Rovers and 1,700 who make Sherpa vans held lunchtime meetings. Mr Joe Harris, union convener, said it was clear from the meetings that the men not only opposed a sale to GM, but any sale.

MPs look at ethnic job plight

By Patricia Clough

A delegation from the Commons select committee on employment yesterday gained a further insight into black unemployment on a visit to the Broadwater Farm Estate in Tottenham, north London, where a policeman was killed in riots last year.

The committee heard evidence of discrimination that prevented black people getting jobs and homes, and questioned a local Job Centre manager who admitted he had never been required to read the Commission for Racial Equality's code of practice.

They also met a personnel manager from a big local company who attempted to explain why 82.5 per cent of his staff are white in an area where more than 50 per cent of residents are black or of other ethnic origin.

The five-member delegation was on the second stage of its inquiry into racial and other discrimination in employment, prompted by repeated inner city riots.

There are about 18,000 unemployed people, or 14 per cent of the population, in the Tottenham and Wood Green areas of north London.

Miss Ros Cave, employment chairman of Haringey Borough Council, said a series of positive steps had been taken to combat discrimination on council staff where white males made up 80 per cent of the workforce but only 25 per cent of the borough population.

Left plea on purge of Militant

By Our Political Correspondent

Labour's left wing yesterday urged the National Executive Committee to take a stand against any witch-hunt or purge of Liverpool's Militant leadership.

A resolution tabled by Mr Eric Heffer, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Dennis Skinner, Miss Jo Richardson and Miss Joan Maynard said: "We urge all party members to stop any witch-hunts."

It is expected that a majority of the executive tomorrow will side with Mr Neil Kinnock in favour of exemplary action being taken against Mr Derek Hatton, the deputy leader of Liverpool Council, and about 10 other leading Militants in the city.

They will also act to disband and reorganise the Liverpool district party, which has become the Militant power base.

But last night's resolution illustrated the strength of the left-wing backlash which is bound to be provoked by disciplinary action.

Any expulsions will have to follow a further meeting of the executive, next month, to hear answers to the charges from those identified as Militants in an inquiry report.

Those expelled will also have a right of appeal to the full party conference.

The fight back is expected to begin with a mass demonstration and lobby of the executive for tomorrow's meeting at party headquarters in south London.

Highlands are safer for birds

Golden eagles, peregrine falcons and ptarmigans will be able to spread their wings with confidence when flying over 5,3000 acres of Britain's highest mountain terrain which has been purchased by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Covering the summits of Cairn Gorm (4,084ft), Ben Macdui (4,300ft), and Glen Avon in the Scottish Highlands, the reserve has been acquired from the Wills estate

Patients die

Four patients have died and three others are seriously ill in an outbreak of influenza at Clifton Hospital, York.

Mirror's management crisis

By Michael Horsnell

The Scottish *Daily Record* is not expected to appear today after the crisis at Mirror Group Newspapers deepened yesterday, threatening more than 700 jobs.

The suspension of the newspaper was ordered on Sunday by the MGN publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell, after journalists and print workers refused to work on a new colour Irish edition of the *Daily Mirror* at the group's Anderston Quay plant in Glasgow.

Presses were closed down by the management to prevent the normal print run of 750,000 and production of the *Daily Mirror's* Irish edition switched to Manchester.

Police were on duty outside the Glasgow plant. Both Sogat and the National Union of Journalists said they wanted to work normally.

Mr Maxwell's plans to produce the colour Irish edition of the *Daily Mirror* in Glasgow involved the electronic transmission of pages from London. The NUJ and Sogat fear a loss of the Scottish identity of the *Daily Record*, Scotland's biggest-selling daily newspaper.

A spokesman for MGN in London said last night: "Our situation is that staff are still deemed to have dismissed themselves." Mr Maxwell has said there was gross overmanning at Anderston Quay. An agreement was struck this month by which the print unions accepted more work should come out of the plant. It was agreed that a new colour newspaper for the far north of England would be produced.

But last week after it was announced that News International would launch *The Sun* in Ireland, MGN decided to bring out a new Irish edition in colour instead.

The peremptory dismissal of staff in Glasgow is the latest in a series of crises at Mirror Group Newspapers since it was bought by Mr Maxwell.

During the dispute at News International, in which 5,000 striking print workers were dismissed and the company moved to its new printing plant at Wapping, east London, Mr Maxwell attacked Mr Rupert Murdoch for "not doing things the British way". He said that at MGN management felt a responsibility to its workforce.

Last August, publication of MGN titles was suspended for 12 days after a union dispute over the sale of the *Sporting Life*.

Sequestrators will return to High Court

Sequestrators appointed by the High Court to seize the £17 million assets of Sogat '82 are to return to court this week after allegations that some branches of the printing union are hiding their funds.

It is understood that an unspecified number of branches have claimed that the High Court order applies only to central union funds.

Sogat was fined £25,000 and seizure of its assets was imposed after the High Court was told that it had ignored an injunction ordering it to halt the blacking at newspaper wholesalers of News International's four titles.

Labour may lift press ban for Fulham poll

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Mr Prescott, clearly aware of the problems which will face other shadow cabinet colleagues when they visit Fulham in the next few weeks, agreed that to continue the ban during the by-election would be a handicap. He will see Mr Kinnock urgently to "report this exchange that has gone on today."

Mr Prescott, who criticized the way Mr Rupert Murdoch moved to his new works at Wapping, said that the dilemma faced by the party resulted from an appeal by the National Union of Journalists not to talk to members who had broken the union line.

Asked if Labour spokesmen visiting Fulham would refuse to talk to News International journalists, he said: "That is a matter for the campaign committee to consider".

● Mr Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, last night "deplored" any attempt by local authorities to ban News International newspapers from public libraries: "If a newspaper has been available in a public library, to meet the demands of users, then I can see no justification for ceasing to make it available in order to make a political or industrial point."

Data protection

Firms face legal penalties

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Nine out of ten organizations which store personal records on computers could face prosecution through failure to register under the Data Protection Act, 1984.

The Act obliges organizations in the private and public sectors who use computers to state what information they hold and what it is stored for. Failure to do so is an offence liable to an unlimited fine.

But although the offices of the new Data Protection Registrar, the data ombudsman who will supervise the operation of the Act, have sent out registration packs to 150,000 organizations, only 10,000 applications have been returned.

Mr Eric Howe, the registrar, said: "My one concern is to warn organizations who have to register that they must have applied for registration by May 11 1986.

"There is a problem of lack of awareness, despite the vast amount of publicity that has gone out. Either people have not had their attention drawn to the Act, or if they have, they mistakenly believe they are exempt from its provisions, which are much narrower than many people think."

One example, he said, was the exemption for payroll and accounting records. But those exemptions applied only where the computer records were solely for payroll and accounting. Many were also for use by personnel management and therefore came within the Act."

The Act imposes on computer users obligations to comply with certain principles as to the use, accuracy and security of data. It also creates important new rights for individuals, enabling them to see computer records on them.

One such right is in force: an individual may seek compensation through the courts for any damage or associated distress caused through the loss of personal data relating to themselves or through its unauthorized disclosure.

After May 11 they may seek such compensation caused by the inaccuracy of the information held and courts may order the correction or erasure of the inaccuracy. An individual's right to obtain details of data on him or herself comes into force on November 11 next year.

Details of organizations registered can be examined at the office of the Data Protection Registrar, Wilmslow. From August, copies of the register will become available at main public libraries.

Correction

The Independent Broadcasting Authority points out that it will be considering alternative daytime scheduling proposals for the Thames Television programme *Someone to Talk To* (*The Times*, February 21).

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Tebbit tells how work eases pain caused by the Brighton bombing

Mr Norman Tebbit has described how he uses work to ease the worst pain, 18 months after the IRA Brighton bombing which left his wife, Margaret, almost totally paralysed.

"It is better than alcohol. Through work you can avoid that tendency to brood about what might have been, or how hard life has been on you," Mr Tebbit said, recalling the bomb blast which left him buried in the ruins of a hotel for four hours.

The Tebbits' lives had had to adjust drastically in the past year, he said in an interview in *Women's Own* magazine. "Going away for a weekend is a bit like organizing the D-Day landings, what with a nurse, a wheelchair and all the gear."

Together they were sharing the hardships and daily hope.

"We continue to hope, and there is some improvement. My wife can now turn over the pages of a newspaper, which is really something."

Mr Tebbit said that waiting to be dug out of the debris after the blast had not been a "deeply moving spiritual experience". He said: "I do not talk about it a lot because it does seem slightly boring.

"I realized, once the lads had begun to dig us out, that I would survive, though I think there was a limit to how long one could have remained in that state.

"Then, of course, I was told that my wife was paralysed, and at the time we had no idea whether it was total or partial."

But the Brighton bombing was not something which dominated his life. "I do not wake up in the night, or dream about it. I would have been through one or two odd experiences anyway in my flying days."

Mr Tebbit said he was especially moved by his wife's courage, "because the paralysis had not come about through an accident but a deliberate attempt to murder members of the Government".

While Mrs Tebbit continues to make some progress at Stanmore hospital, Middlesex, he has moved out of their tower-block flat to a confidential address. He visits her every weekend.

Through his wife's ordeal and confinement to a wheelchair, Mr Tebbit said he had become aware of the enormous courage and instinct for survival shown by patients with spinal injuries. He found his own therapy through working until midnight most days, but his wife and other patients, facing a far more restricted life, showed great courage.

Professor criticized by Savage for attacks

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Mrs Wendy Savage yesterday accused her head of department, Professor Geddis Grudzinskas, of making a "mountain out of a molehill" in his complaints about her handling of a case of child birth which other specialists have described as bizarre.

Her comments came in cross-examination by Mr Ian Kennedy, QC, for Tower Hamlets Health Authority, during the inquiry into her professional competence.

Mr Kennedy asked her if she felt the professor's criticism was carping. He also asked her if she thought that all five cases over which she has been accused of professional incompetence were a storm in a teacup.

In the case of a Bengali woman who was in labour for 12 hours and whose baby died eight days after birth, Mrs Savage said it was "maybe a mountain out of a molehill".

Expert witnesses have said they think it likely that the baby died as a result of the labour or delivery, although there was no post-mortem examination to establish the cause of death; Mrs Savage has said she believed it died from a rare blood disorder. The baby appeared well at birth, she has told the inquiry.

Mr Kennedy asked her if the other cases could properly be described as "a storm in a teacup".

Mrs Savage said that, although there might be differences of opinion over how the cases were managed, "that is really the extent of the disagreement". She added that her professor's reactions towards differences of clinical opinion were "excessive".

The hearing continues.





A witty spring hat was Princess Anne's fashion headline yesterday. Captain Mark Phillips' favourite flat cap was given stylish treatment by royal milliner John Boyd. He added a velvet snood — more often seen in the dressage class to tidy up long hair under a bowler. When Princess Anne turned her back at the British Equestrian Trade Association's trade fair at Sandown, onlookers caught sight of the stencilled flower, appliqued in velvet on the back of the crown. The hat topped a tailored, stand-collared coat.
(Photographs: John Voos)

'Lecturer hid girl's bones in coffee jar'

Samson Perera, a dental lecturer, killed his adopted daughter aged 13 and hid her dismembered bones in 10 different places, a Leeds Crown Court was told yesterday.

At his laboratory, a colleague discovered human bones in a coffee jar and beaker and a stainless steel dish with bones soaking in a liquid to dissolve them, it was alleged.

Later pieces of a skull and facial bones were found in an envelope in Mr Perera's drawer.

When detectives searched his house they found more bones and flesh in three plant pots and a bloodstained holdall bag, the court was told.

But Mr Perera insisted the bones were not those of his adopted daughter.

Mr Perera, aged 43 and the father of two children, of Stillwell Drive, Sandal, Wakefield, denies murdering Nilanthie, whom he adopted and brought to England in 1981. He also denies obstructing a coroner in the execution of his duties.

His wife Dammika, aged 37, a mathematics teacher, denies assisting her husband and impeding his arrest. She also denies obstructing a coroner.

Mr Humphrey Potts, QC, for the prosecution, said that by July 1984 neighbours were suspicious because the girl was not seen.

When detectives questioned Mr Perera he said he had taken her to his brother in Sicily who would then help her to return home to Sri Lanka where she was born.

As suspicions increased, a lecturer at Leeds University's school of dentistry discovered the bones and skull pieces in the laboratory where Mr Perera worked, Mr Potts said. The hearing continues today.

Satan trial man 'was living off women'

The country rector in "Satan conman" trial claimed yesterday that Def S Mainwaring Knight, a retrop producer, had told him he ldn lived off the earnings pos prostitutes for about a its while Christians were gi side him thousands of pounds. ole

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Cathedral closes shop on Sundays

By Peter Evans and Robin Young

Canterbury Cathedral gift shop is close on Sundays for the time being after accusations by the Consumers' Association that the dean and chapter appeared to be guilty of criminal offences.

"As the present discussions on Sunday trading suggest that the sale of certain individual items is technically illegal, we have naturally reviewed the situation," a cathedral spokesman said yesterday in a statement.

Mr David Tench, the Consumers' Association legal officer, last week listed items on sale in the cathedral shop on Sundays, alleging that none of them fell within the exemptions in Schedule 5 of the Shops Act, 1950.

Mr Tench was speaking at a Home Office seminar arguing in favour of the Shops Bill, which is due for its third reading in the House of Lords today.

MPs campaigning against the Bill met yesterday to discuss their tactics to fight the government move.

The cathedral said that for many years it had, "offered a facility to our many visitors on a Sunday within the framework of the Shops Acts of 1950 and 1965". The closure would be met by "considerable disappointment".

Mr Tench said yesterday: "I regret it. But what we are not told is whether they will reopen it when the law is changed."

Opponents of the Bill hope to move a reasoned amendment at its Second Reading in the House in about two weeks

A compromise favoured by Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Conservative MP for Orpington, and other Conservative opponents of deregulation, is to give local councils the right to determine their own shopping hours.

However, a spokesman for the Keep Sunday Special campaign said: "Giving local authorities the right to determine their own shop hours would be likely to lead to a domino effect. It is fair to say that it would simply formalize the chaos we already have with some areas turning a blind eye to Sunday trading while others uphold the law against it."

Girl held in jail for milk theft

A High Court judge will be asked today to free a homeless girl aged 17 who has spent 12 days in Holloway prison, north London, after admitting that she stole a bottle of milk from a Dover doorstep.

Katherine Griffiths was remanded in custody for three weeks by magistrates at Dover, Kent, on February 13, for social reports after admitting her first offence.

Her solicitor, Mr Brian James, said last night that she had served half a day in prison for every pence of the milk stolen.

Sergeant Brian Easton, of Maidstone police headquarters in Kent, said that the police will not oppose bail.

He said they would have preferred bail to have been granted in the first instance, but she was remanded in custody because she had no fixed address and could not satisfy bail requirements.

She was arrested on February 12 and appeared in court the next day when she admitted stealing the milk and apologized to the court.

Pensioner hid drugs to see son

Anne Dempsey, aged 77, let her son store thousands of pounds worth of drugs in her kitchen cupboard for 10 years, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. It was the only way she could get him to visit her.

When drugs squad officers raided her home in west London they found cocaine and cannabis with a street value of £35,000 hidden by her son.

Yesterday she pleaded guilty to possession of the drugs on February 22 last year.

Her son, Andrew, aged 39, admitted supplying the cocaine and cannabis.

Judge Robert Lymbery decided she had never gained anything from the drugs "apart from visits from the son she would not otherwise have seen".

He put her on probation for 12 months after hearing that it would help her and give her someone to talk to. "She is completely alone in the world," her counsel, Mr Nicholas Gardiner, told the court.

Mr John Reekers, for the prosecution, said drug squad officers were tailing Andrew Dempsey, suspecting him of drug dealing, and saw him visit an address in Palmerston Road, Acton. On forcing an entry, they found Mrs Dempsey there alone.

Andrew Dempsey, of the Bungalow, Lonsdale Road, Notting Hill, will be sentenced at a later date.

Hoteliers accused of overcharging

By Cliff Feltham

Britain's hoteliers yesterday denied claims that they are greedy and overcharge.

Mr Robin Lees, chief executive of the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association, said: "I have not seen any signs that prices are being jacked up."

Japanese, West German and some British tour operators have complained.

Mr Seishi Ishida, of Miki Travel, said the average Japanese tourist spent only 1.5 nights in London.

"What makes Japanese tourists rush through London? It is the frustration at the cost of accommodation which has rocketed way above the world average," he said.

Mr Gunther Thamm, director of German tourist facilities handling 50,000 visitors a year, said: "Apart from the de luxe hotels, the standard of London hotels is very poor indeed."

Mr Steve Price, managing director of Rainbow Hotels, said: "London has a bad image for being rip-offisville."

Examples of hotel prices include a twin room at the Dorchester in Park Lane at £140 a night without breakfast. The cost at the Intercontinental is £141.

The prices were defended by Mr Lees. "Big hotels should not charge Paris prices if they are not as good but I believe we are offering facilities just as good as in Paris or other major cities."

The Best Western marketing group, which books visitors into 190 hotels throughout the country, said: "We have seen no sign of hoteliers forcing up prices."

Alert for blood donors

An urgent call for blood donors is being made to avert a crisis in the National Health Service.

Existing donors are being asked to persuade friends and relatives to come forward before hospitals are forced to cancel operations.

The Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children in London said last night: "We understand a special effort is being made to help us but we know some hospitals are facing difficulties."

The North London Blood Transfusion Centre, which serves a population of 3.5 million, needs 800 pints a day. Mr Tony Martina, regional organizer, says its two clinics in Edgware and in the West End are about 15 per cent down.

The reason for the shortfall in blood in London is put on bad weather which has prevented donors from attending clinics.

Mr Martina said: "We are having to spend money we can ill afford later this week to advertise that we are extending the opening hours of our clinic in the West End to attract more donors."

Angling dispute

Fines will protect swans

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

The Government yesterday threatened fines of up to £2,000 against shopkeepers who go on selling lead fishermen's weights that poison swans.

Mr William Waldegrave, a minister of state at the Department of the Environment, made clear that the Government was determined to cut through years of argument between anglers and naturalists about the effect of lead. He added, however: "The police are not going to break into your home to see if there is lead shot under your bed."

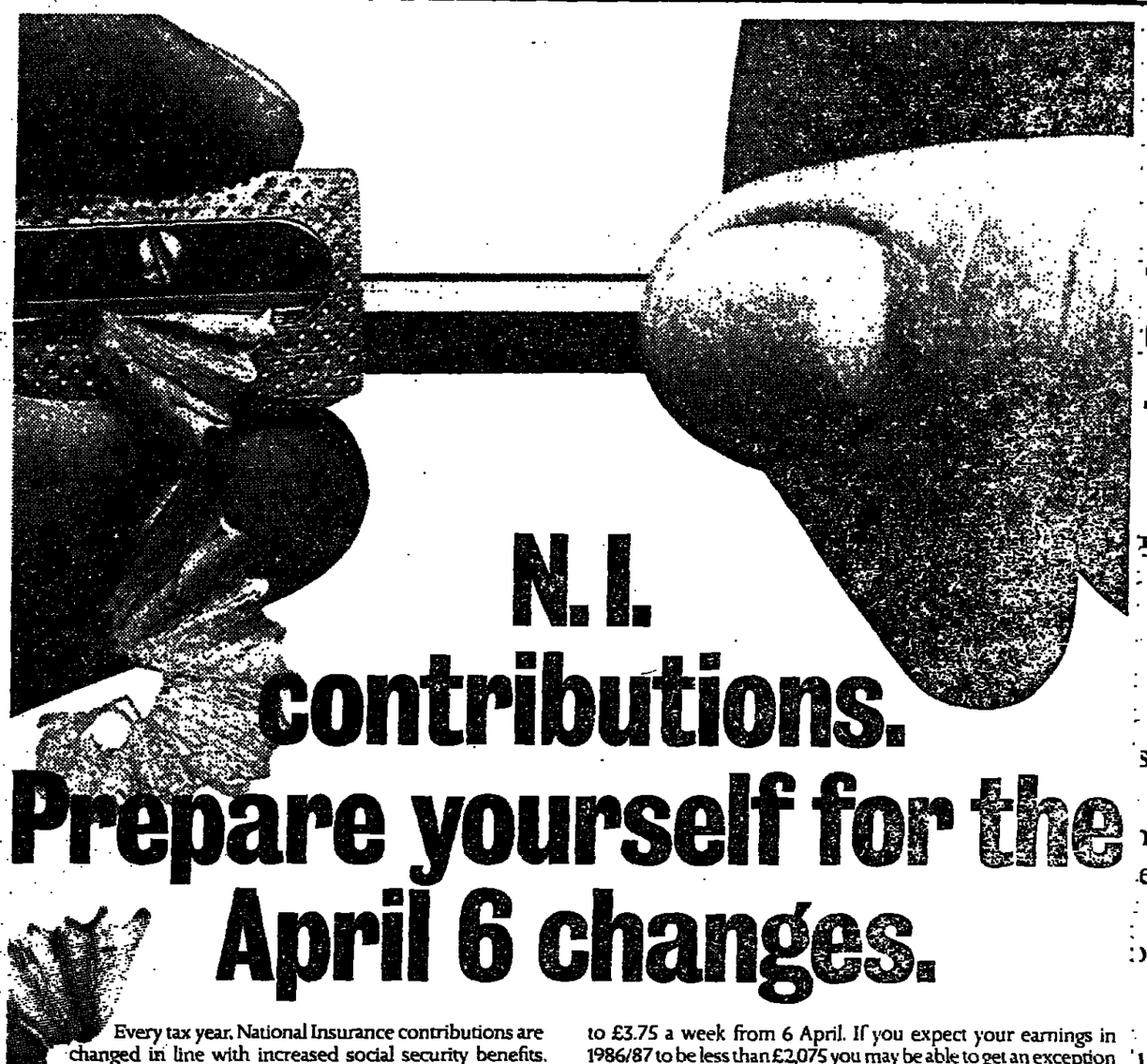
The weights come in several sizes similar to those of shotgun pellets, but split across so that a fishing line can be passed through the slit. Because the metal is soft the weight can be clamped over the line. Naturalists say too many weights drop off and lie on stream beds.

They claim that the national wild population of about 20,000 swans suffers most from the subsequent lead poisoning. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday that research at the Edward Grey Institute at Oxford University and elsewhere had shown that a large proportion of swans found dead had been killed by lead poisoning.

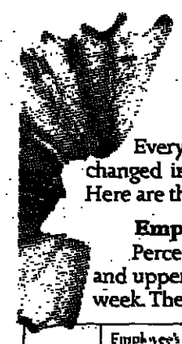
The society estimated swan deaths from lead poisoning at between 3,300 and 4,100 a year. Anglers dispute the figures, and the National Association of Sepcialist Anglers asked who had seen all the birds that die from lead poisoning. "Anglers do not see them, and who spends more time by the water?"

Mr Waldegrave made his statement in an interview to be published tomorrow in *Angler's Mail*. He made clear that the course fishing season that will start in less than three weeks will be a test of the willingness of anglers to change from their familiar lead weights to alternatives made from other metals.

The Government, he said, would intervene with laws banning the import and sale of lead weights next year if voluntary curbs did not work.



N.I. contributions. Prepare yourself for the April 6 changes.



Every tax year, National Insurance contributions are changed in line with increased social security benefits. Here are the changes effective April 6, 1986.

Employees and Employers (Class 1)

Percentage rates will be unchanged, but the lower and upper earnings limits will rise to £38 and £285 per week. The earnings brackets will also change.

	Employee's total weekly earnings (or monthly or yearly equivalent)	Not contracted-out (payable at this rate on all earnings)	Contracted-out	
			First £38	Over £38
Employee	£38.00 to £59.99	5%	5%	2.85%
	£60.00 to £94.99	7%	7%	4.85%
	£95.00 to £285.00	9%	9%	6.85%
Employer	£38.00 to £59.99	5%	5%	0.9%
	£60.00 to £94.99	7%	7%	2.9%
	£95.00 to £139.99	9%	9%	4.9%
	£140.00 or more	10.45%	10.45%	6.35%*

*Employers pay the not-contracted-out rate on earnings above £285 per week for employees who are contracted-out. There is no upper earnings limit for employers' contributions.

New contribution tables are being sent to employers together with leaflet NI.208 giving the contribution rates, and a new supplement to leaflet NP.15, Employer's Guide to National Insurance contributions, and SSP55, SSP Rates and Notes.

If you haven't received them by 17 March contact:

* Your social security office for Not-contracted-out tables (CF391).
* Contracted-out Employments Group, DHSS, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE98 1TX for Contracted-out tables (CF392).



Do not use the present blue tables for earnings after 5 April. The new tables, for use from 6 April, will be red.

Self-employed (Class 2 and 4)

Class 2 contributions will go up to £3.75 a week from 6 April. If you expect your earnings in 1986/87 to be less than £2,075 you may be able to get an exception from liability. Ask at your social security office for leaflet NI.27A, People with small earnings from self-employment. Class 4 contributions will stay at the same rate: 6.3 per cent of profits between the lower and upper limits which are £4,450 and £14,820 for 1986/87.

Voluntary contributions (Class 3)

Class 3 contributions will go up to £3.65 from 6 April.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

From 6 April 1986 Class 3 contributions paid after the end of the second tax year following the year in which they were payable will normally have to be paid at a higher rate.

Contributions payable for weeks in the tax year ending 5 April 1984 will be the first to be affected by these rules.

Full details of contribution changes

See leaflet NI.208, April 1986 edition, available at post offices and social security offices.

Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)

New rates from 6 April 1986 – 5 April 1987 are:

Average weekly earnings	SSP weekly rate
£74.50 or more	£46.75 (standard)
£55.50 to £74.49	£39.20 (middle)
£38.00 to £55.49	£31.60 (lower)
less than £38.00	NIL – employee is not eligible for SSP

SSP Compensation for employers N.I. contributions

The rate of compensation from 6 April will be 8%.

For further information see leaflet NI.227, Employer's Guide to Statutory Sick Pay, and SSP55, SSP Rates and Notes which is being sent out with the new contribution tables.

Issued by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Trafalgar House attacked • Pensions to rise

Benefit rise to cost £410 million

SOCIAL SECURITY

An interim increased social security to benefits costing an extra £410 million in a full year were announced in a Commons statement by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services. He explained that these follow the 7 per cent increase in benefit paid from last November. The announcement was part of the process of moving to April upratings from 1987 in order to bring tax and social security closer together and ensure that benefit changes coincided with changes in rent and rates.

Mr Fowler told the Commons that these further increases will be paid in the week beginning July 28 and will be based on the changes in prices between May 1985 and January 1986 when the retail price index rose by 1.1 per cent.

As a result the retirement pension for a married couple would, he said, rise from £61.30 to £61.95 a week and for a single person from £38.30 to £38.70.

Public service pensions would be increased by the same percentage as would benefits for disabled people and war pensioners.

Mobility allowance would go up to £21.65 a week although transport costs had fallen over the period.

The basic rate of unemployment benefit would also be increased by 1.1 per cent from £30.45 to £30.80 for a single person and from £49.25 to £49.80 for a married couple.

Other main contributory and non-contributory benefits would be similarly increased.

He said the Government believed it right to continue child benefit for all children irrespective of the income of their parents. But they had to consider its level both in relation to overall priorities within social security and also with the aim of doing more for families with children on low incomes. He had considered the uprating of child benefit on that basis.

My conclusion is (he said) that child benefit should be increased by 10p a week to £7.10 rather more than the rate of inflation. The children's rate for supplementary benefit and the earnings-related amounts for family income supplement will also go up by slightly more than 1.1 per cent.

Three upratings in 16 months produces inevitable administrative burdens and costs on local authorities and local offices of the DHSS. To contain sensibly this extra work I propose to increase the long-term rate of supplementary benefit and the housing benefit needs allowance by the same cash amount as will apply to retirement pensions which means putting supplementary benefit up by 1.1 per cent although the increase in prices after excluding housing costs is 1.2 per cent.

For similar reasons, he said, he did not proposed to make any general changes in the additional amounts paid with supplementary benefit. In some cases no increase would be due in any event and in the others only small amounts.

However, I have thought it right to increase the higher rate of hearing addition which goes to the very elderly, the severely disabled and to people with homes which are specially difficult to heat. This addition will increase from £5.45 to £5.55 a week.

One other change would be made from this July which was consistent with bringing the current supplementary benefit scheme into line with the new proposed income support arrangements. From the date of the uprating no new awards of the non-householder housing addition would be made between the ages of 21 and 24.

Equally, no deductions would be made from the householder's housing benefit or supplementary benefit in respect of such non-dependants in this age group. This meant that the poorest households would remain fully protected. There would be no increase in the amount of non-dependant deductions generally nor would there be any increase in the deduction from benefit which applied during industrial disputes.



Fowler: Pensions ahead of rise in prices

Over the last few years there had been a steep rise in supplementary benefit single payments. Since 1981 the number of these payments had risen from under a million a year to over four million and the real cost had increased by over five times to more than £300 million a year. The Minister of State for Social Security (Mr Anthony Newton) had reviewed the position and as a result, draft regulations were being referred to the Social Security Advisory Committee for consultation in the normal way.

Mr Fowler also stated that concern had been expressed over future policy on the payment of benefits at post offices. The Public Accounts Committee had discussed the possibility that cash incentives should be offered to beneficiaries to encourage payment directly into bank accounts.

He was aware this had led to anxiety that the existence of many sub-post offices might be threatened if inducements were paid which reduced significantly the volume of benefit business which they transacted.

To remove that anxiety (he said) I want to make clear that the Government does not intend to offer cash incentives. A joint study is being carried out by the post offices and my department to see what improvements can be made.

This uprating meant that in 1986-87 spending on social security would be almost £43 billion - some 31 per cent of all public spending.

This interim increase kept pensions ahead of the rise in prices since the Government came to office and he would be making a further uprating statement in the autumn.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social services, said the increase of only 1.1 per cent to pensioners was insulting. It was deeply offensive to offer a single pensioner 40p a week, insufficient to buy a couple of stamps while the Chancellor would be helping the rich.

It was cheating pensioners to say the date change made no difference to them. Had the uprating taken place in November, single pensioners would have got double the extra cash. The change would mean a loss for pensioners of £120 million.

The 10 pence increase in child benefit was piffling and it was mean to lower the uprating formula for the poorest claimants of all, those on supplementary benefit.

The statement was miserly and Scrooge-like and gave people only the barest minimum.

Mr Fowler said Labour's formula would involve extra spending of £15 billion a year. We are spending (he said) an extra £410million.

I do not think people will be taken in by deceptions of that kind.

The pensioners' increase came on top of last November and the Government remained committed to keeping pensions in line with prices.

It was not possible to have another uprating at the end of November 1986 and then another in April 1987. The DHSS could not work on two upratings at the same time.

Mr Meacher was ignoring the facts and saying that low inflation was of no benefit to pensioners. That was simply untrue.

The banana republic kind of economics which Mr Meacher would put forward would provide high inflation so that upratings might seem higher. That was ludicrous and was in line with the policy of the last Labour government which presided over an increase in inflation of 110 per cent.

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham,C): He is to be congratulated on maintaining the real value of child benefit. Since it is by far the best way of dealing with family poverty will he do his best on the next occasion to restore the cut he made last time?

Mr Fowler: I will take into account what he says. Child benefit is the only way in either the social security or the tax system of recognizing the undoubted added expense that children represent. We very much hope that in the new system of family credit we are working to in April 1988 that will be even better recognized than previously and that more low-income families with children will be helped. On child benefit in the next uprating, I will bear in mind what he says.

Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L): He said he was spending another £400 million-odd. The increases when they reach the pensioners' pockets will be seen as derisory. Could he not have taken this opportunity, since the statutory uprating percentage is small, for making an attempt to move towards earnings and not price increases? Could he say more about the terms of reference of the post office study?



Meacher: Scrooge-like and miserly proposals

Mr Fowler: To have the kind of earnings link he was advocating would have cost, over the lifetime of this Government, something like an extra £3 billion. Clearly the pension should be uprated in line at least with prices, but inflation should be brought down. The most significant thing the Government has managed to do is to bring inflation down. Ten years ago this week it was running at between 23 and 24 per cent. That was dramatically bad news for pensioners throughout this country.

We recognize that many people want to have payments in cash at post offices, so it is sensible that the service is made as good as possible. We are considering what improvements can be made to the counter service. That is the intention of the survey the DHSS and Post Office are doing.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C): The major cause of the synthetic indignation shown by Mr Meacher is the massive achievement of the Government in having achieved a rate of inflation of 11 per cent only between May last year and January this year. Can he tell us the best and worst figures for inflation achieved by the Labour Party in any period between May and January, so that we and the pensioners can see the Government's achievement?

Mr Fowler: He is absolutely on to the right point. Judging from the reaction of the Opposition, they recognize it as well. I will seek to set out in the Official Report the detailed figures to which he refers. In the last period of Labour Government, inflation rose by 110 per cent.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab): He is to be congratulated on today's child benefit announcement which will be welcomed on both sides of the House. Has he not by changing the uprating formula gained substantial savings for the Exchequer which would allow him to double the Christmas bonus?

Mr Fowler: His point on child benefit is in stark contrast to what Mr Meacher said. On the index, we are talking basically about differences of between 1.1 and 1.2 per cent - 5p or 10p - and in some cases there is virtually no difference at all. No savings made for that will remotely pay the cost of the kind of increases he seeks.

Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham Erdington, Lab) said the 40p a week increase for the single pensioner would buy six eggs, a small loaf or 110 peanuts.

Mr Fowler said the increase came on top of last November's of £4 a week for a married couple and £2.50 for a single pensioner.

He later said that the Government was committed to keeping pensions ahead of prices.

Mr Nigel Forman (Carshaltosn and Wallington, C) said many Conservative MPs strongly supported real increases in the child benefit. The married man's allowance had risen by 17 per cent in real terms while child benefit before this increase had decreased by 3 per cent.

Mr Fowler said the Government had clearly taken account of this by increasing child benefits. He would bear in mind Mr Forman's point.

Government stick to timetable for sale of yard

SHIPBUILDING

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, defended the decision by the Ministry of Defence to cancel the extension of the deadline for completion of the sale of Vickers Shipyard Engineering Ltd/Cammell Laird Group.

Responding to a private notice question from **Mr John Smith**, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, he said that, as a result of representations, he had decided to revert to the original timetable.

Mr Smith said: Is it not the case that the MoD made representations to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (Mr Paul Channon) to postpone the date for the sale of the yard and Mr Channon agreed to a postponement with one of the bidders and then contacted Mr Morrison and as a result of that, the decision was taken to overturn the decision so the sale is now going ahead?

How is it possible to sell a yard when the asset value of the yard is set at £40 million but the value of a contract not yet negotiated is £400 million? How is it possible to fix any kind of price, having regard to the public interest, when the contract remains unfixed and unagreed?

Was the MoD not right to seek a postponement until that had been clarified?

Is it not clear in a situation like this when the Department of Trade and Industry has fixed a deadline that is inconsistent with the negotiating timetable of the MoD, that we have reached another situation where this Government appears totally incapable of coordinating the activities of two seperate departments and the replacement of two secretaries of state has not made the slightest difference to the incapacity of these departments to work together?

Is it not now clear that the Government's privatization dogma takes precedence over all other questions of the public interest, including national defence?

Mr Morrison: The date for the bids for the Vickers shipyard has been known for a very long time and over the same period of time negotiations between the MoD and the shipyard for the Trident contract have been continuing and are not quite finalised.

It therefore seemed to be sensible, if the prospective bidders thought it was a good idea, to offer them the opportunity of extending the date for their bid.

In the event, they decided not to and it would therefore have been incorrect to have changed the goalposts.

Mr Cecil Franks (Barrow and Furness, C): Would he comment on the disgraceful interference in the privatization programme for purely commercial reasons by Trafalgar House? Is he aware that by delaying for six weeks from tomorrow the date for bids, Trafalgar House would be able to use their City connections to know the amount of the Vickers bid which was to be put in tomorrow?

Would he comment on the rumours which are rife and appear to be well-founded that once in control of the Vickers group, after a decent passage of time, the Trafalgar House group would close the shipyard at Cammell Laird and transfer that business to Scott Lithgow together with business from Barrow?

By the MoD giving the reason for postponing the timescale as being the finalisation of the Trident contract that would oblige the present Vickers management to settle that contract on terms they would not otherwise have accepted in arm's length negotiations.

Mr Morrison: I am concerned, and the Government is concerned, to get the best possible deal for Vickers shipyard so that we have a proper submarine manufacturing capacity in the private sector. It was not until 1977 that the submarine manufacturing at Vickers was put into the public sector.

I cannot anticipate what bids are going to come forward tomorrow or at what price.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab): I thank him for confirming that he will be maintaining the timetable which prevents Trafalgar House gaining undue advantage in this sale. Could I draw his attention to the loose talk by some Trafalgar House officials which, should they be successful in this sale, will close the Cammell Laird shipyard and as Lairds is much the smaller of the two yards, will he pay particular attention to their interest when deciding the future of the two yards?

Mr Morrison: The bids go to British Shipbuilders and they will examine them carefully and make a recommendation to the Government which Mr Channon or the Government gives consent to.

He makes some very important points as far as Cammel Laird is concerned and I realize his constituency point of view. I am sure all these things will be taken very carefully into account before any recommendation is given to the Government from British Shipbuilders.

Mr Alistair Burt (Bury North, C): There is strong feeling in the North West that the task of promoting the Government's policies in that area would be made easier by the success of the VSEL consortium.

Mr Morrison: We have to look at all bids which come forward because if we do not look at them all and take what is the best that would not be in the interests of privatization.

Mr Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) asked for an assurance that the Government would not so construct the contract for the first Trident as to make cancellation by a future government extremely difficult, even if the British people voted for such a cancellation.

Mr Morrison: The contract is being negotiated on commercial terms but I entirely agree about the current policy of the Opposition towards Trident which makes the Trident missile and submarine quite a considerable difference.

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab) said many millions of taxpayers' money had in the past few years been put into creating the facility at Barrow to build the Trident submarine, so how was it in the interests of the same taxpayers that it should be privatized?

Mr Morrison: I cannot give him the precise figure but that will be taken into account when British Shipbuilders review the bids.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Have the British become very anti-American? One would not have much doubt if one were simply to cast a swift glance at the Mori poll in this week's *Sunday Times*.

More than half those questioned thought that the United States was a greater threat than the Soviet Union to world peace (20 per cent) or that the two super powers presented an equal danger (34 per cent).

Sixty-six per cent thought the Americans paid too little attention to British views, and only 19 per cent believed that the Government should allow BL to be taken over by an American company, even if that would make it more successful commercially.

But the more carefully one looks at these and other answers in the poll, the more it seems to be that the explanation lies not in hostility to the Americans but in a lack of confidence both in the United States and in ourselves.

There is sufficient evidence in the poll, which is corroborated by wider observation, that the Americans are not unpopular in themselves. Sixty-six per cent of those questioned agreed that they like Americans, and only 16 per cent disagreed; and 64 per cent said that they would like to holiday in the United States.

American strength "overpowering"

All this confirms what can readily be observed: that the British tend to find the United States a vital and exciting place, and that they get along well enough with Americans on a personal basis. But they also find American power a bit overpowering, and they are not convinced that it is always exercised wisely.

This last point is often misunderstood. The British do not believe the Americans are warmongers: 68 per cent accept that President Reagan genuinely wants world peace. They simply doubt his judgement.

That is why they regard the United States as a threat to world peace. The moral for those who are eager to improve Anglo-American relations is that American leaders need to explain their policies and purposes with much more care on this side of the Atlantic.

But it is the lack of confidence revealed in Britain that I find particularly disturbing. We no longer think that we count in the world. We do not believe that the Americans listen to our views. We fear that our industry cannot compete with theirs, unless offered special protection.

These attitudes have been evident in the Westland crisis and, with less justification, in the farore over BL. They point to one of the besetting weaknesses in Britain at the moment: the prevailing lack of spirit. We prefer to hang on to the jobs we have rather than look for better ones; to succour dying companies rather than concentrate our energies of developing stronger ones; to regard change as a threat rather than an ally.

Germany more self protective

This approach to competition from the United States contrasts with what I found in West Germany last week. The Germans would have been more European and more protectionist than the British Government over Westland. That is because they regard the American market in defence procurement as so protected as to make this field a special case.

But in general the Germans believe that their industry is doing well enough not to be afraid of the Americans. Even the anxiety over the European capacity to compete in new technology, which one encountered a year or so ago, seems now to have evaporated.

This German confidence appears to be threatened only by the allegations of scandal, which affect the federal government and the administration in West Berlin. This is particularly disturbing to West Berlin as an enclave, whose success depends so much upon confidence, and whose record of economic achievement has recently been showing significant improvement.

But the overall level of confidence in Germany offers a lesson to Britain: that if we thought of competing more we might complain less.

The United States could certainly improve its performance as an ally. But in our present mood we would probably feel nervous of American power, no matter how well judged their performance might be.

High hopes for future of British aviation

TRANSPORT

The Government was confident that in years ahead more British airlines would fly to more destinations in Europe than they did now and that quality would rise and fares would fall. But there was still much to be done to bring down fares and establish rules of competition, so that Britain's formidable airline industry could succeed in Europe for the benefit of passengers, Mr **Michael Spicer**, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said during Commons questions.

He agreed with **Mr Kenneth Hind** (Lancashire West, C), who had asked if the Government would take every step possible to liberalize the cost of flying throughout Europe. The sooner the EEC and European airlines came to terms with free and unprotected flights between European nations, the better for the consumer – the British consumer in particular.

Mr Spicer added that new air service agreements with several European countries had brought cheaper fares and many more services.

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab) asked for an assurance that liberalization would not mean complete deregulation. That had happened in the United States and left a number of aviation companies tottering on the brink of bankruptcy.

Mr Spicer said there were no proposals for complete deregulation.

We want (he said) more competition in the interests of passengers.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said there should be no barriers in the way of additional services to Milan from Gatwick, in keeping with the policy of dual designation by British airlines to European destinations.

Mr Spicer said he was not satisfied that the Italian Government understood, as the British Government did, that the Treaty of Rome applied to aviation as well as other matters and that there should be greater competition on the Milan and other routes.

Mr Robert Hughes, Opposition spokesman on transport, said the Secretary of State for Transport (Mr Nicholas Ridley) had rejected the Civil Aviation Authority's competition advice because he wanted to protect British Airways for privatization. Did this sudden enthusiasm for competition have anything to do with a fall, by half, in the value of BA?

Mr Spicer said he hoped that meant the Opposition were now going to fight for more competition.

The taking of substantial routes in Sandi Arabia, by British Caledonian, in exchange for not-so-substantial routes into South America was in the direction of further competition, not away from it.

Protests over cones left on main roads

MPs protested in the Commons at contractors who left cones on major roads when there were no road works in progress.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, sympathized with them, saying he wished contractors would apply the same spirit of urgency in removing cones as they did in completing the work in order to qualify for bonus payments. But often the cones were there for a good purpose, such as wet concrete or underground works, even though this was not obvious to motorists.

Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said the authorities appeared to be happy to have miles of cones for yards of road works. He suggested Mr Ridley take a long trip around the world to see how other countries managed to avoid this problem.

Mr Ridley said he had already reminded the authorities that they should not leave the cones in place for one minute longer than necessary. The bonus scheme for contractors finishing work early had cut the time taken by 25 per cent and this had been the envy of the world.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Local Government Rate Limitation Order and Local Government Reorganization Pensions Order.

Lords (2.30): Shops Bill and Salmon Bill, third reading.

Third river crossing invitations this week

The invitation to promoters to make proposals for a third crossing at Dartford will be issued later this week, **Mr David Mitchell**, Minister of State for Transport, said when asked during Commons questions when the Government expected to announce a decision on future plans for the Dartford Tunnel complex.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP): It is seven months since Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, first suggested the involvement of private enterprise in the building of a third tunnel. Only now have we some idea of the timescale involved. The completion of every new section of the M25 increases the risk of Dartford becoming Britain's biggest bottleneck.

Why is it that the department does not show the same sense of urgency over this as over the Channel tunnel?

Mr Mitchell: This is a new departure and it requires careful assessment before we start out on the road we are embarking on of inviting the private sector to put up proposals to us. As to the bottleneck. I understand that the congestion at Dartford is not likely to become serious before 1991 to 1992.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C): The congestion on the M25 is already becoming considerable and this is a problem. Will he consider, in looking at possible proposals for a new tunnel, that we are likely sooner or later to need to make the M25 four lanes in each direction rather than three?

Mr Mitchell: We will keep this in mind.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North-West, Lab): Is the third tunnel at Dartford going to have any impact on his plans for the East London river crossing?

Mr Mitchell: We will take it into account.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C): I endorse the comments about urgency. Has he come to any preliminary conclusions regarding the advantages of a private rather than public tunnel from the joint councils?



Mitchell: Embarking on a new departure

Mr Mitchell: When he sees the invitations to promoters he will find there opportunities for people to quote both ways. We shall look with great interest at what is the best value for money.

Setback on code for council spending

HOUSE OF LORDS

An amendment proposed by a Government back bencher to the Local Government Bill, removing the necessity for local authorities to consider codes of practice in deciding on money spent on publicity, was carried by 119 to 108 majority against the Government, 11, during the second day of the committee stage in the House of Lords.

Lord Campbell of Alloway (C), moving the amendment, said it was designed to ensure the codes issued by the secretary of state were advisory only and for the guidance of local authorities in determing whether to incur expenditure on publicity.

Lord Elton, Minister of State for the Environment, said removing the requirement that local authorities should include the code in their deliberations would deprive ratepayers of a fundamental reassurance about the proper conduct of local government.

Councils must consider their duty to their ratepayers in considering money spent on publicity.

The code would be a yardstick and not a straitjacket. It was not an onerous or dangerous requirement. Those opposed to it were taking fright at a paper tiger.

Vickers sale: 2

Building a strategy for the future

*In the second of two articles on Vickers Shipbuilding and Britain's submarine building programme, **Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent,** looks at early progress on the Trident programme.*

The skyline of the town of Barrow-in-Furness is dominated by a vast partially constructed building in which the submarines to carry Britain's Trident strategic nuclear missiles will be assembled.

The building, which will come into use this autumn, will be 853 feet long and more than 164 feet high.

Inside it will be possible to build four warships or submarines simultaneously under cover, and move them about on bogeys. This covered facility is the most visible element of Vickers' £230 million modernization programme.

The company says the scheme was planned even before the Government chose the Trident system to replace Polaris, and that it has required only relatively minor changes to adapt it for the Trident submarines.

It is now central to Britain's submarine construction programme, and the company hopes these facilities, together with other factors, will enable it to achieve about a one-third increase in productivity by the early 1990s.

Even though negotiations have not yet been completed with the Ministry of Defence on the Trident contract, about £300 million has already been spent on design and initial steelwork for these vessels.

In one workshop there lies a huge steel tube, 40 feet long and about nine feet in diameter. It is the first of the missile tubes which will be fitted into the submarines. Each vessel will have 16 of them.

This first one was supplied by the US, but all around it are sections of other tubes which are being fabricated by Vickers.

In other workshops there are giant steel hoops more than 40 feet in diameter, which will form the frame on to which the hull of the submarines will be welded.

These hoops are about a third bigger than the frames for Britain's nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarines, and dwarf those for the Royal Navy's new class of diesel-electric submarine, the Type 2400.

Although, as a privatized company by the end of March, Vickers will be seeking export orders for both submarines and surface warships, it is inevitable that work for the Royal Navy will be the bulk of its activities for the next 10 years at least.

The Barrow yard has recently received an order for the Navy's nineteenth nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarine. Further orders are likely to come in a reasonably steady sequence, with a new design probably being introduced in two or three years.

On present plans orders for for three diesel-electric Type 2400 submarines placed last month will be assembled at the Cammell Laird yard at Birkenhead, which is part of the Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering company. But the rate of future ordering of this class of submarine is one of the main uncertainties in naval equipment procurement during the next 10 years.

The Type 2400 is intended to replace the Oberon class submarines which entered service in the 1960s.

The Government's stated policy is to keep the combined numbers of hunter-killers and diesel-powered submarines roughly constant, but it has also said that it does not plan to order any more Type 2400s until the early 1990s. Taken together these point very strongly to at least half a dozen of the Oberons remaining in service until they are perhaps 30 years old.

On its present posture the Government will have a choice of either allowing the submarine fleet to contract, or else keeping numbers up by operating obsolescent vessels.

The management at Vickers appears relaxed about the prospects for further British orders for the Type 2400, partly perhaps pinning hopes on prospects for export orders, for example, from Canada. Perhaps it also calculates that the age of the Oberon fleet will mean that further orders cannot be delayed beyond about 1990.

Concluded.



Jonathan, a healthy new-born baby who was found yesterday abandoned in a telephone kiosk in Southport, Merseyside. The temperature was -6°C. With him is Police Constable Jonathan Kent who found him and whose name maternity hospital staff gave to the baby.

BBC changes delayed

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The future shape of broadcasting will not be settled until after the next general election, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, said yesterday.

Lord Thomson's timetable of possible change for broadcasting confirms what many television executives have thought privately about the aftermath of the Peacock committee's investigation into the financing of the BBC.

Originally, the Government had hoped that there would be sufficient time to implement Peacock's recommendations before the next election. But the political room for manoeuvre has since narrowed, and the Home Office's priorities have shifted.

Peacock will still report to the Government this summer, but action on the committee's findings is not an urgent issue for the Home Secretary.

Jews get computer law link

By Clifford Longley

Jewish religious courts in London have been given direct access to a computer in Israel that has been programmed to answer questions on Jewish law.

The courts can call up decisions on earlier cases, rabbinical writings on legal points, references to particular points in the Bible, and other authoritative source books of Jewish law such as the Talmud and the Midrash.

The first computer terminal of its kind in Europe, connected to the main computer at Bar Ilan University in Israel, has been installed at Jews' College, London. It was a sixty-fifth birthday present to the Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, from two members of the Jewish community, Mr and Mrs Henry Knobil. Sir Immanuel in turn passed it on permanent loan to the college, the main centre of studies for Orthodox Jewry in Britain.

Jewish religious courts decide cases concerning marriage, conversions, and matters of ritual.

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The French elections

Fabius raises spectre of constitutional instability

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Three weeks before the general election in France, M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, has given the campaign a new twist by seeking to frighten the traditionally legitimist voters with the spectre of probable constitutional chaos, should they decide to elect a right-wing government to "cohabit" with a left-wing President.

Speaking on television on the eve of yesterday's opening of the official electoral campaign, M Fabius said: "If you've got a President who is shooting off in one direction, and a government which is shooting off in another, it cannot work. There is no certainty that it will not work, but there is a great risk of disorder and I do not want my country to run that risk."

Although M Fabius has spoken in the past of the "mess" that would be created if the right came to power, on the grounds of the divisions within the right-wing parties and the alleged inapplicability of its programme, it is the first time he has suggested that cohabitation would in itself lead to an impossible situation for France.

He admitted that in adopting that position he was in agreement with M Raymond Barre, the only one of the opposition leaders to have insisted that cohabitation will not work, but said he totally disagreed with M Barre on how best to avoid political disorder in the event of a right-wing victory on March 16.

M Barre's suggestion that President Mitterrand should be forced to resign would lead only to even greater disorder, he said. The sole solution was for the French people to give the Socialists a "majority of progress" in the new Parliament.

"If President Mitterrand is compelled to appoint a right-wing Prime Minister, a time of instability and great difficulties will begin for France which is in need of continuity, not disorder," he told an election rally at the weekend in the Nièvre.

"France is the fifth industrial power and the third nuclear power in the world. A country like ours cannot be governed without a government united around the President."

What would have happened, for example, he asked, if a right-wing Prime Minister had been in power who had disagreed with President Mitterrand's recent decision to send French fighter aircraft into Chad to bomb the new airstrip held by Libyan-backed rebels in the north of the country? Under the constitution, the Prime Minister was head of the government, but the President was Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

Falkland islanders' plea to save fish

Port Stanley (AP) — Falkland Islanders urged Britain to impose a fishing zone around the archipelago when they welcomed Lady Young, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, at the start of a five-day visit here.

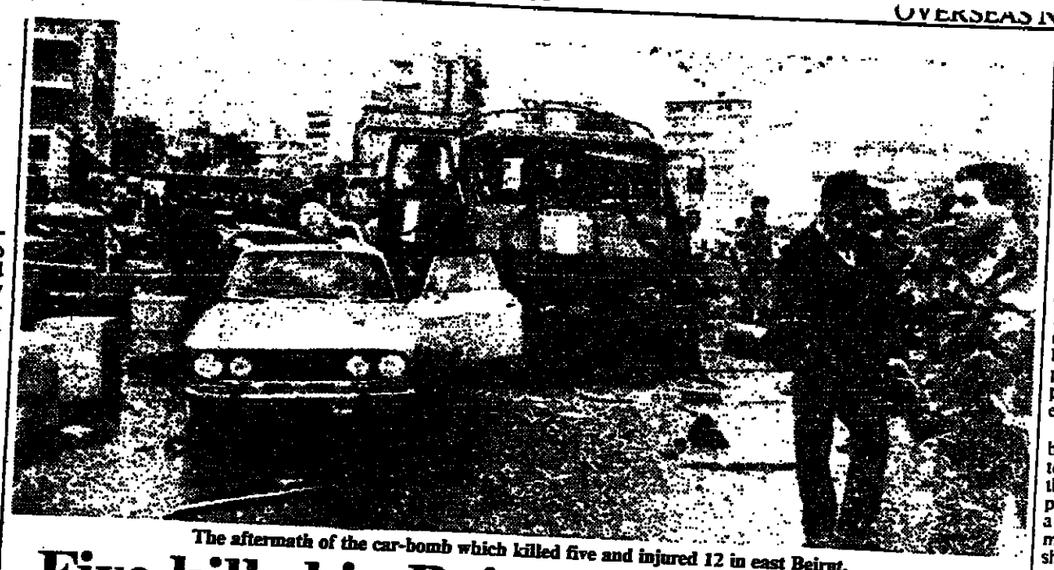
A zone would help to control fishing in the South Atlantic where stocks are threatened by fish-factory ships and fleets of trawlers from several foreign countries.

The demonstration was organized by legislative councillors, who held up placards reading: "Penguins need their squid quota, too" and "Save our wildlife — save our future."

The signs reflect the islanders' fears that overfishing may cause the great variety of sea birds and mammals living in the Falklands to disappear by the loss of their natural food supply.

The islands' development agency hopes to stimulate increasing visits by tourists, for whom the wildlife is the chief attraction.

A petition signed by most civilians expressed strong doubts that an attempt to establish a "multilateral" fishing zone, with the cooperation of all the countries now fishing here, could succeed in time to prevent serious damage to fish stocks.



The aftermath of the car-bomb which killed five and injured 12 in east Beirut.

Five killed in Beirut car-bomb blast

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

A car loaded with explosives blew up near a supermarket in the Christian sector of the capital yesterday, killing five people and wounding 12 others.

The blast was the latest in a series of bombings in east Beirut in which more than 40 people died and more than 150 were wounded.

Many of the bombs were aimed at offices of President Amin Gemayel's Phalange Party.

The authorities said the car was parked by a young man next to a truck belonging to French military observers, about 30 yards away from the Prisunic supermarket in the Sin al-Fil district.

The man "greeted the observers in French and walked casually away". The French left and the car blew up.

Police estimated that the car was loaded with 44lb of dynamite. The bombers had attached several mortar shells and anti-tanks mines, but they failed to detonate.

Lebanese troops later detained a young man and a woman.

No group admitted responsibility for the attack, but the Phalangists have blamed previous bombings on supporters of Mr Elie Hobeika, a Christian militia leader who opposes President Gemayel.

Mr Hobeika has accused the President of sabotaging a Syrian-sponsored peace agreement he signed with Shia Muslim and Druze militia chiefs on December 28.

Mr Gemayel vetoed the plan, contending it made too many concessions to the Muslims.

The bombing came amid a fresh surge of violence in the Muslim sector of the capital. Gunmen of the radical Shia militia Hezbollah or Party of God, fought with communist militiamen around the Soviet and Iranian Embassies. One Shia fighter was killed.

The bombing coincided with the assassination of a pro-Palestinian left-wing militia leader in west Beirut.

Police said unidentified gunmen stormed the apartment of Mr Issam al-Arab, murdered him and escaped.

A member of the Lebanese Communist Party's central committee was found murdered after being kidnaped overnight with 44 other Communists by Islamic fundamentalists, party officials said.

Mr Souheil Tawile was taken from his home during the fighting.

Surprise concessio by Korea leader

Seoul (AFP) — Pres Chun Doo Hwan of S Korea yesterday prop constitutional amendm by 1989 as the Oppos pushed ahead with its paign to have preside elections by popular vote

Mr Chun, elected Pres by an electoral college anc to step down in 1988, saic the amendments shoul put to a referendum, and a special parliamentary mittee on the consti should be set up.

Mr Chun made the ments during a surprise l meeting with Mr Lee Woo, chairman of the op tion New Korea Democ Party (NKDP), after the thorities lifted the 1 house arrest imposed or leading political dissiden Kim Dae Jung, 12 days a

The moves were appar aimed at easing a tense s tion resulting from the op tion campaign to collec million signatures backi constitution revision allo popular presidential elect

During the night a p cordon was removed fror Kim's house.

This allowed 164 mem of the party's 275-man Ce Committee to gather at headquarters to resolve mally to press on with campaign.

Paris hits at US over Baby Doc

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris

As increasingly forlorn attempts continue to find a country to accept the former President Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti, France is irritated with the US for refusing to take in its former protegé.

M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, said on TV that the American attitude was "not right". He insisted France would not keep "Baby Doc", who has been living with his family in luxuryat Tailloires in the French Alps since his flight from Haiti on February 7.

M Duvalier says he means to stay in France despite last week's decision by the office for the protection of refugees



M Duvalier: left Haiti because "I hate violence".

to reject his plea for refugee status. He is appealing against that decision.

In his first interview since arriving, he said on French radio that he was willing to live only in France. He had never understood that his stay was merely temporary.

"If I had not understood that the only country in the world to which I feel close would welcome me, I would not have left power," he said,adding he had decided to leave Haiti because "I hate violence."

M Duvalier said that he had no fear of being expelled, despite a declaration by M Fabius that expulsion would have to be considered.

Despite France's evident desire to get rid of him as quickly as possible, some officials are beginning to suggest in private he may be here to stay. Expulsion is not possible unless another country accepts him.

Growing threat to Kohl

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

The threat to the position of Chancellor Kohl, who is accused of giving false testimony about donations to party funds, is becoming more serious.

Exactly how serious no one here yet knows. That includes the opposition politicians who are calling on Herr Kohl to clarify the situation, and are stopping short of demanding his resignation. But Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Minister of Finance, who would be favourite to succeed Herr Kohl as Chancellor, was quoted yesterday by Der Spiegel as privately saying that the situation was "very, very serious".

As expected, the public prosecutor's office at Koblenz yesterday decided to proceed with an investigation of the charge, made in a private summons by the Green MP, Herr Otto Schily, that Herr Kohl gave false testimony before a committee of the Land Parliament of the Rhineland-Palatinate, where Herr Kohl was Land Prime Minister.

Herr Kohl had told the committee that he did not know that an institute, on whose behalf he received money from private business, was in fact a Christian Democratic Party organization and therefore the donors should have been taxed.

The next stage will be either the public prosecutor announcing that there will be no charge, or a court announcing that Herr Kohl will go on trial.

But this is not the only legal threat to the Chancellor. Herr Schily has also taken out a private summons against Herr Kohl alleging that the Chancellor gave false testimony to a committee of the Federal Parliament (Bundestag) investigating the "Flick affair", a much bigger case of undeclared political donations.

Herr Schily says Herr Kohl concealed that he had received the equivalent of £16,400 from Flick. Herr Schily claims that the donation is to be found in the records of the Flick industrial concern, and was passed to Herr Kohl by his secretary, Frau Juliane Weber.

Thousands join call on Ershad to resign

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

Thousands of people turned up in front of the national Parliament yesterday chanting slogans as Sheikh Hasina Wazed, the Bangladesh opposition leader, vowed to remove the country's four-year-old military government with "a month-long resistance movement" from next month.

Mrs Wazed, who heads a 15-party opposition Alliance for Democracy, told her cheering supporters to organize people's committees in every town and village to resist the government of President Ershad.

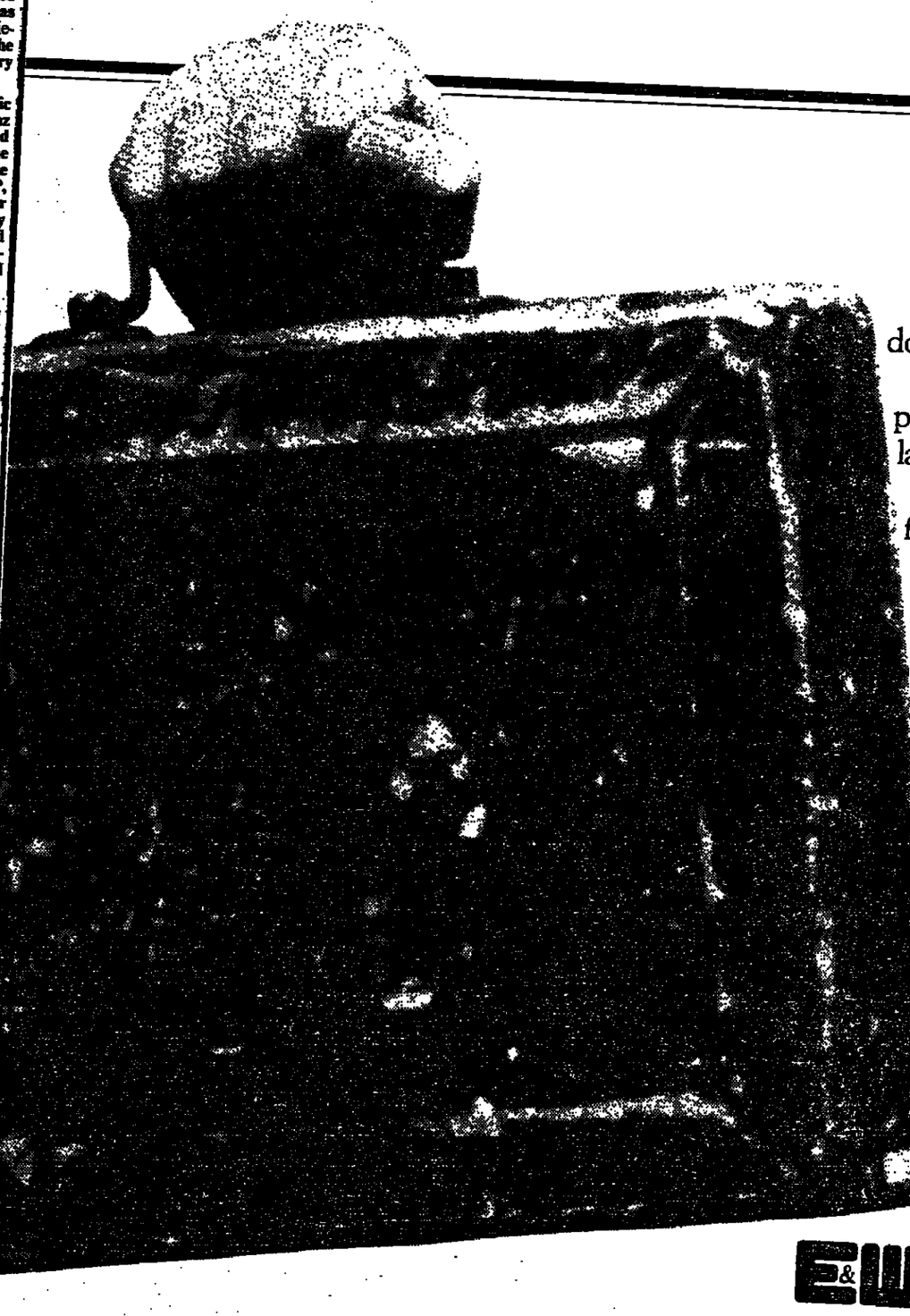
Witnesses said that at least half a million people gathered at the capital's northern Sher-Bangla Nagar district with banners, drums and effigies of the military ruler.

Mrs Wazed, leader of the Awami League, called for a countrywide *bandh* (general strike) on March 24 if President Ershad did not resign and send all soldiers back to barracks.

General Ershad, who seized power in a March 1982 coup, had said that he would hold elections by the end of June.

But he rejected any possibility of lifting martial law or his resignation before the polls.

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Philippines crisis ● Washington warning ● Manila confusion ● World reaction

Reagan offers asylum to his old friend Marcos

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan, woken before dawn by the Philippines crisis, is willing to offer asylum to President Marcos, "his friend and long-term ally", to help to ensure a peaceful transition to a new government, the White House announced yesterday. So far it has received no request.

In its toughest statement yet, the Administration all but called on Mr Marcos to resign, warning him against futile attempts to prolong the life of his regime.

It urged him and those loyal to him not to use violence against the opposition forces. Washington threatened on Sunday to cut off $55 million in aid immediately if he did so.

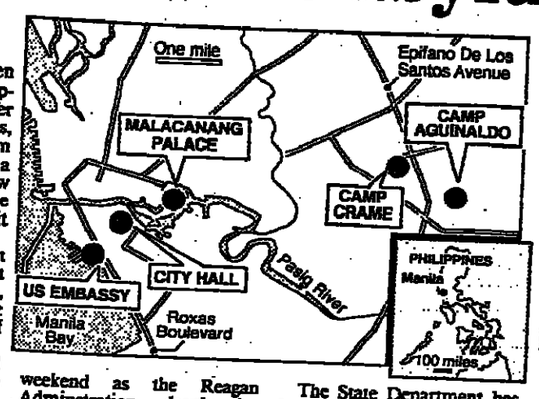
"Attempts to prolong the life of the present regime through violence are futile," said yesterday's statement, approved by President Reagan and issued before dawn.

"A solution to this crisis can only be achieved through a peaceful transition to a new government." The future was in the hands of the Philippines people.

The statement followed a flurry of activity over the weekend as the Reagan Adminstration, deeply involved in the crisis, tried to prevent a degeneration into chaos and civil war.

Cutting short his weekend at Camp David, Mr Reagan held a lengthy meeting with his defence, intelligence, foreign affairs and security advisers, reviewing the options and keeping in close touch with the US Embassy in Manila.

A special inter-agency crisis team has been set up, and the White House is considering sending Mr Philip Habib, the President's special envoy, back to Manila within the next few days if possible.



The State Department has been in touch with government and opposition groups in Manila, and has held talks here with the delegation of Marcos Cabinet ministers who have arrived to lobby for support.

Mr Reagan will not see them, however, and has not telephoned Mr Marcos directly.

Mr Speakes said the Administration had told Mr Marcos that he would be offered "every assistance", as an old friend and ally, to leave. The US had planes available at the Clarke airbase, though one was not standing by.



Rebel troops detaining a pro-Marcos soldier during their takeover of the government-run television station in Manila yesterday (above); while (below) another rebel stands guard over wounded Marcos soldiers.



Colonel flies into history

From David Watts, Manila

When the history of the Philippines revolution is written, a jovial Air Force colonel should get some of the credit.

Just when the balance of power between the forces of President Marcos and his rivals, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, Minister of Defence, and General Fidel Ramos, Chief of Staff of the Army, in the "New Philippines Government" seemed dangerously to the President's advantage, Colonel Antonio Sotelo received orders from Mr Marcos to attack the two "rebels" in Camp Crame with his lizard-green Blackhawk helicopter gunships.

The helicopters came clattering out of the dawn light just as nuns, priests, students and workers were falling back in the face of a massive show of force by riot control units using tear gas.

For the defenders of Crame, an attack by a clutch of five of the world's most deadly gunships seemed the end of everything. But, instead of rocketing and spraying the base with machine-gun fire, Colonel Sotelo's helicopters swung round in line and settled peacefully onto the camp's sports field.

"I had to make that move because there were already reports of tanks massing," said Colonel Sotelo by the nose of his Blackhawk. The colonel and his men could probably have killed both Mr Enrile and General Ramos in a determined attack, and resistance to the Marcos regime would have been over.

To see crying nuns falling back against barricades of buses in the face of clouds of tear gas seemed to foretell a swift end to the affair. But the troops were little more than boys, who coughed themselves hoarse when their own tear gas blew back in their faces. And when they had reached their objective, they simply sat down.

The failure to press through the attack brought on a kind of exaggerated euphoria, so that when rumours of the departure of Mrs Imelda Marcos spread round the city it was easy to believe that everything was over. Rumours of a planeload of paratroopers ready to drop on Mr Marcos's Malacanang Palace only added to the feeling of certainty when the Opposition's radio station reported that the Marcoses were on their way to Guam.

People were already celebrating when a kind of horror spread at the news that Mr Marcos was giving a press conference Large as life on television, and looking decidedly fresh, there was Mr Marcos ordering a state of emergency. There is no cause for alarm. Malacanang is fully secured." The devastation of hope was almost palpable.

Euphoria dissolved into despair, joy into fear of retribution. General Ramos and the clandestine opposition radio station began calling people back off the streets into the safety of Camp Crame to prepare for the inevitable assault.

Suddenly Colonel Sotelo's helicopters were swinging low over the presidential palace. Six rockets slammed into it as one, and the idea of a pointless civil war seemed a horrifying reality, with gunmen moving towards the government Channel Four television station and Mr Enrile announcing: "We're going to fight it out. We've got equivalent firepower."

The announcement of an Aquino provisional government seemed like a pointless diversion. The first inkling of renewed hope came when General Ramos's men captured the government television station after a fire fight, leaving Mr Marcos without the voice so crucial in a fluid revolutionary atmosphere. The dictator was strangely voiceless after 20 years of unlimited access to the media.

By lunchtime it was clear that the bespectacled, almost owlish, General Ramos had won the vital backing of the Air Force.

Just then one of the touching vignettes that brings alive the awful tensions of the struggle for the individual came over the opposition radio: Professor of Law Alfredo Taviar, addressing an appeal to his nephew, Atelio, general in command of the Marines — the man who sent in his troops against the nuns at dawn, the man commanding the largest and most deadly body of troops who have not yet rallied to the revolution, the man who can yet turn a triumph of peaceful protest into a bloody disaster.

"Your uncle and Auntie Florence are both here in the office with General Ramos. Your six cousins are also here in Camp Crame. We would like to show you our full family support to the People's Movement or the power for the restoration of democracy in the Philippines . . . a professional soldier is not one who owes blind obedience to his professional superiors. A professional soldier is one who makes his decisions on the basis of evidence and intellect . . . I'm sure that is what you have in mind. We are appealing for you to pray for God's guidance."



Jubilant rebel leaders Juan Ponce Enrile, left, and General Fidel Ramos at Camp Crame yesterday.

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Moscow sees CIA coup plot

By Our Foreign Staff

The Soviet Union and some of its allies yesterday accused the United States of trying to oust President Marcos, while Asian countries urged him to avoid bloodshed.

Governments around the world reacted to the fluid situation, in which the provisional government led by Mrs Corazon Aquino was announced in advance of Mr Marcos's scheduled reinauguration today.

A report in *Pravda* said that "observers" claim that a coup was planned against Mr Marcos and that the Central Intelligence Agency may have taken part.

The Philippines' partners in the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) called on Mr Marcos and Mrs Aquino to engineer a peaceful resolution.

A statement by the five countries — Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand — said they had followed developments with increasing concern. The statement, which came before yesterday's fighting, said there was still time to act with restraint to bring about a peaceful resolution.

In Tokyo, the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, said that he and a senior aide to President Reagan agreed yesterday that Japan and the US should try to settle the crisis without bloodshed.

The Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr Kiyoshi Sumiya, telephoned Mr Marcos to ask him "to avoid bloodshed at all costs."

The Peking Government refrained from political comment, but news reports in China said that a military confrontation was possible.

European Community foreign ministers, in a special meeting yesterday in The Netherlands, were expected to try to co-ordinate their approach.

No EEC country is expected to send a representative to the inauguration ceremony, if it goes ahead, and officials said ministers would discuss taking common action to demonstrate their governments' displeasure with Mr Marcos, including a possible recall of ambassadors.

Spain did call home its ambassador for consultations yesterday, because of what the Foreign Minister, Señor Fernández Ordóñez, described as "the serious situation".

M Laurent Fabius, Prime Minister of France, said: "We must give our support to democracy and say that we are at the side of Mrs Aquino."

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, said that Mr Marcos should flee to avoid slaughter and mayhem. Embassy reports from the Philippines, he said, suggested that Mr Marcos was on the verge of leaving, but no destination was specified.

"The simple fact is that simply by remaining there he will be the personal catalyst for slaughter and mayhem," Mr Lange said.

Britain's call

The Foreign Office said in London that democracy must be returned to the Philippines: developments reflected "the strength of feeling over the fraudulent conduct of the elections and the pressing need to restore democracy." British Airways suspended its twice-weekly service to Manila.

Embassy business as usual

By Nicholas Ashford
Diplomatic Correspondent

While chaos reigns in Manila, it was business as usual yesterday at the Philippines Embassy in London.

"We are all working normally," said a Filipino diplomat who asked not to be named. "After all, we are civil servants and we work for whoever is running the Government."

This was not the view of Miss Corazon Belmonte, the First Secretary, who announced on Sunday that the Embassy no longer supported President Marcos.

Nor was the Philippine Ambassador working normally in his Embassy. He has been in Manila since January "for consultations".

● ROME: Cardinal Sin of the Philippines has postponed indefinitely a trip to the Vatican during which he was to have conferred with the Pope on the situation in his country, a Philippines church leader in Rome said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Britain backs US on arms

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain yesterday welcomed President Reagan's latest proposal for eliminating US and Soviet medium-range missiles from Europe and Asia over the next three years.

British sources variously described Mr Reagan's reply to the arms reduction plan which Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, outlined on January 15 as "ingenious", "a good response" and a good basis for further negotiation.

One British official expressed the view that there was now a real chance of reaching an interim settlement on intermediate-range nuclear force (INF) missiles before the next Reagan-Gorbachov summit later this year.

There was considerable relief in London that Mr Reagan had firmly rejected Mr Gorbachov's proposal for a freeze on British and French independent nuclear deterrents at existing levels.

This, together with a proposal to ban the transfer of US missiles to Britain, would have prevented Britain from replacing its present Polaris submarine force with Trident.

In his six-page letter to Mrs Thatcher outlining his response to Mr Gorbachov, President Reagan said he told the Soviet leader that the US could not negotiate on behalf of other nuclear powers.

Britain is expected soon to send its own reply to an invitation it received from Mr Gorbachov last month to enter into arms reductions talks with the Soviet Union.

There had been considerable disquiet in London and other European capitals earlier this month that the US might be tempted to enter a medium-range missile agreement with the Soviet Union that would leave West Europe militarily vulnerable.

The European countries had expressed fears about Soviet superiority in conventional forces and the threat posed by short-range missiles based in Czechoslovakia during consultations which Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's special arms adviser, held with Nato countries two weeks ago.

The main focus of the US response is on medium-range weapons. President Reagan has proposed a phased reduction, leading to their total elimination on a global basis by 1989.

Under the Reagan plan the number of medium-range missile launchers held by the US and the Soviet Union would be reduced to 140 each in Europe by 1987, with proportional reductions in Asia. There would be a further 50 per cent cut in Europe and Asia in 1988.

The President's reply also dealt with strategic, chemical and conventional arms and space weapons.

● GENEVA: Details of President Reagan's arms proposals were unfolded by the US negotiators to their Russian counterparts yesterday during a meeting at the Soviet diplomatic mission (Alan McGregor writes).

A plenary session lasting almost an hour was followed by further discussion between the two superpowers' delegations, headed by Mr Maynard Glitman and Mr Alexei Obukhov.

No considered Soviet reaction is expected before the negotiations are adjourned for a six-week recess on March 4.

2,500 held in Peru round-up

By Our Foreign Staff

About 2,500 suspects have been rounded up after more than 20 terrorist attacks in Peru over the weekend.

Four sticks of dynamite exploded less than 200 yards from where President García was addressing a party rally in Trujillo, northern Peru, on Saturday night, but no one was hurt.

In Lima, two men and a woman fired shots at a police station, without causing casualties.

Those detained included a man and woman who tried to set fire to an office of the ruling Apra party, and an army deserter.

Sticks of dynamite were thrown from cars at six embassies including those of China and the United States just before the 1 am curfew, imposed two weeks ago, went into effect.

The Government blames the Maoist guerrilla organization, Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path).

Treason verdict on white

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A white man, Eric Pelser, aged 21, who admitted undergoing military training with the African National Congress (ANC), was found guilty of treason by the Rand Supreme Court here yesterday. It is believed to be the first case of its kind in more than 20 years.

The defence did not dispute the facts of the case as presented by the State, but argued in mitigation that Pelser was a confused and essentially non-violent idealist rather than a dedicated guerrilla. The judge is due to pass sentence today.

Meanwhile, in a Durban court, Andrew Zondo, a black aged 19, from Durban's KwaMashu Township, admitted planting the mine that killed five whites and injured many others just before Christmas last year.

He told the magistrate yesterday that he had acted on his own and had not intended to kill anyone. His target had been the offices of the South African Airways.

At the time, the ANC said that one of its guerrilla units was probably responsible for the blast, but maintained that it was not acting under instructions from the high command.

Pelser admitted he went to Botswana to avoid compulsory military service in South Africa, and while there was introduced to a man he knew only as "comrade Pete". He was recruited by the ANC and flown to to Lusaka, the Zambian capital.

In Zambia he volunteered to join Umkhonto We Siswe, the ANC's military arm, and spent just over three months at a camp in Angola being trained in "tactics, firearms, explosives and politics".

He was sent back to South Africa with £2,350, an AK-47 rifle, 120 rounds of ammunition and two hand grenades.

Iran boosts forces in war zone

Bahrain (Reuter) — Iran rushed volunteers yesterday to reinforce troops defending captured territory in southern Iraq, while Iraq reported slow advances for its counter-attacking forces.

Baghdad said its Navy attacked two ships near Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal in the northern Gulf on Sunday night, while Iran said it shot down an Iraqi helicopter which slightly damaged a 240,000-tonne Cypriot tanker in a strike yesterday.

Iran said its troops wiped out two Iraqi infantry battalions attacking its front lines north of the disused Iraqi oil port of Fao, which Iran captured early in its 15-day offensive into southern Iraq.

Iraq's official news agency, meanwhile, said forces at the centre of the three-pronged counter-attack had made more headway, but indicated less progress on the two other fronts.

Columns converging on Fao down the Shatt al-Arab waterway and along the Gulf coast were hitting the Iranians with air, missile and artillery bombardments.

Obote man on murder charge

Kampala (AP) — Two men who held high posts under former President Obote of Uganda appeared in court yesterday, one charged with murder, the other accused of kidnapping with intent to murder.

Mr James Rwanyarare, former Minister for Culture and Community Development, was accused of killing a man at his farm in 1983, and Mr Matia Kisembo, who was Dr Obote's Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting, was charged with kidnapping and intending to murder a political opponent, also in 1983.

Mr Rwanyarere, who could face the death penalty if convicted, was ordered to be held at Luzira maximum-security prison until a court appearance on March 10.

PoW swap in Afghanistan

Islamabad (Reuter) — Afghan guerrillas swapped a Soviet prisoner for a rebel commander in a rare exchange near Kandahar, guerrilla sources said.

Muhammad Ishaq, known as Lala Malang, of the Pakistan-based Hezb-e-Islami guerrilla group, was exchanged with a Soviet soldier, identified as Andrei Sergeivich Uslov.

Crash rocket had no fuel

Ottawa — US and Canadian experts said an air-launched cruise missile which crashed in Alberta last month on a test flight ran out of fuel (John Best writes).

Reports at the time said the crash probably occurred because parachutes designed to guide the unarmed missile to a safe landing failed to open.

Jail terms for Solidarity trio

Warsaw (AP) — A court in Katowice has sentenced three Solidarity activists to prison terms ranging from one to two years for distributing underground publications.

Marek Jalosinski received a two-year sentence, Wlodzimierz Lesisz 16 months, and Edward Soltys one year.

Halfway free

Koror, Palau (Reuter) — Palau, a UN trust territory under American control for 39 years, has voted in favour of a semi-independence which will leave the United States in control of its defence for 50 years.

Friends again

Lagos (AFP) — Nigeria has named Mr George Dove-Edwin, the top civil servant in the Ministry of External Affairs, as its new High Commissioner to Britain, ending 15 months of diplomatic estrangement.

Fans injured

Florence (Reuter) — Twelve people were injured, two of them with stab wounds, in violence during and after the football league match between Fiorentina and Roma.

Fire protest

Toronto (Reuter) — A 63-year-old man set himself on fire outside the American consulate in Toronto in protest against the deportation of an alleged Nazi, Mr Andrija Artukovic, from the US to Yugoslavia. He is critically ill.

Show deaths

Peking (AP) — Twenty-one people were trampled to death at a lantern festival in the eastern province of Jiangsu.

Home hunt

Bonn (AFP) — Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the Indian guru expelled from the US in November, said he was hoping to settle in West Germany, whose young he described as being prisoners of neither religion nor politics.

Police plea

Barcelona (Reuter) — Spanish police have asked Denmark to extradite Mr James Gomez, a Gambian, who is wanted in connection with the killing of two Israeli seamen here in October. He was arrested in Copenhagen last Monday, accused of shoplifting.

Rebels to die

Maputo (AFP) — Four rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance were sentenced to death for ambushing and killing civilian motorists.

Nazi must go

Washington (Reuter) — The US Supreme Court denied an appeal by Mr John Demjanjuk challenging his extradition to Israel to stand trial on charges that as an SS guard he murdered 900,000 Jews at Treblinka concentration camp.

Labour delegates get equal billing at Moscow congress

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The British Labour Party will be one of a number of left-wing European political parties whose delegations to the 27th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party will be attending on an equal footing with foreign Communist parties and various revolutionary groupings from around the world.

Mr Vadim Zagladin, first deputy head of the party's international department, disclosed yesterday that for the first time delegations from labour, socialist and social democractic parties would be given equal status with Communists from abroad. He said the gesture was being made to demonstrate "our readiness for co-operation with all democratic and peace forces coming out for security of the peoples and for prevention of nuclear war".

Mr Zagladin told a press conference that, out of the 153 delegations from 113 countries attending the congress, which opens today, 21 would be from labour, socialist and social democractic parties. Among them would be groups from France, Italy, Spain, Greece, The Netherlands, Sweden and Japan. The Socialist International would also be represented.

According to British sources, the Labour Party's team at the congress, which is expected to be one of the most significant in the Communist Party's history, will consist of Mr George Robertson, MP for Hamilton, and Ms Jenny Little, secretary of the party's international department.



Mr Robertson: part of a low-key delegation.

In diplomatic circles there was speculation that one reason for the low-key nature of the Labour delegation was a desire on the part of the leadership to avoid the political difficulties that would ensue if top Labour figures were seen enjoying equal status with such international participants as President Karmal, leader of the Afghan delegation, and Commander Fermán Cienfuegos, the Salvadorean guerrilla leader.

The decision by Mr Gorbachov to change the facilities offered to non-communist parties was seen as part of his policy of attempting to forge new left-wing alliances in Europe to counter the US military presence.

As part of the drive to line up West European public opinion behind the Kremlin's opposition to the US Star Wars programme, Mr Gorbachov has already agreed to visit Italy and Greece later this year, after his successful trip to Paris last October.

One senior diplomat said yesterday: "The decision to upgrade the status of the leftist parties appears part of Mr Gorbachov's attempt to spread the image of the new Soviet society as far as possible. It coincides with the complete disappearance of disputes over Euro-Communism as a congress issue."

Although foreign participation in the congress will be higher than ever before, the Chinese Communist Party has again refused to send a delegation.



A Russian worker steers a mobile platform around a picture of Lenin while hanging red banners in Moscow for the 27th Communist Party Congress, which opens today.

Old guard's last bow

27th PARTY CONGRESS Part 2

The third anniversary of Leonid Brezhnev's death last year was marked by *Pravda* with an article entitled "Flattery and Obsequiousness", which was unmistakeably critical of his leadership and drew on readers' letters to support its scathing attack on the idolatry which characterized the long Brezhnev era.

During the crucial 27th Party Congress, which opens today, close attention will be paid to how much further Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, takes the process of "de-Brezhnevization", and how personal the attacks on the once venerated leader, whose 18-year rule is now shouldering much of the blame for the Soviet Union's economic plight, become.

Particular note will be taken of the event traditionally reserved for the closing stages of the five-yearly gathering: the election of the new Communist Party Central Committee (currently about 320 strong) and its subsequent choice of a new Politburo, the secretive body which effectively runs the country on a day-to-day-basis.

Control over the composition of the committee is the main weapon available to Mr Gorbachov, aged 54, to reinforce the already formidable power base he has built inside the party since taking control in March.

Unlike the late Nikita Khrushchev, ousted largely as a result of his failure to secure party support for what were later dismissed as "hare-brained schemes", Mr Gorbachov has been much more assiduous in placing his own men in key posts.

Senior diplomats predict that up to 50 per cent of the committee's membership may change hands during the congress, compared with an average turnover of only about 10 per cent during the conservative Brezhnev era. Many of those removed will be officials who came to power under Brezhnev.

Although the 5,000 delegates nominally select the

From Christopher Walker Moscow

members of the new committee — which is itself mandated to convene in plenary session at least twice a year and serve as the supreme authority in the party between congresses — in practice they rubber-stamp a list already selected by the leadership.

Representation on the elite committee — whose members all receive chauffeur-driven black limousines — has become mainly institutional and regional, so it is bound to reflect the far-reaching personnel changes already made by Mr Gorbachov.

At the very heart of Soviet power — where a deliberate air of mystery still surrounds the exact standing of individuals within the hierarchy — the congress will also name a new Central Committee Secretariat, in effect the party's general staff, as well as a Politburo.

The deftness and speed with which Mr Gorbachov has already moved to neutralize the "old guard" has convinced observers that, as with many previous congresses, the 27th will also result in a substantial boost for the power and status of the General Secretary.

After last week's firing of the humiliated former Moscow party chief, Mr Viktor Grishin, aged 71, the Politburo consists of 11 full or voting members, a number which is expected to be increased.

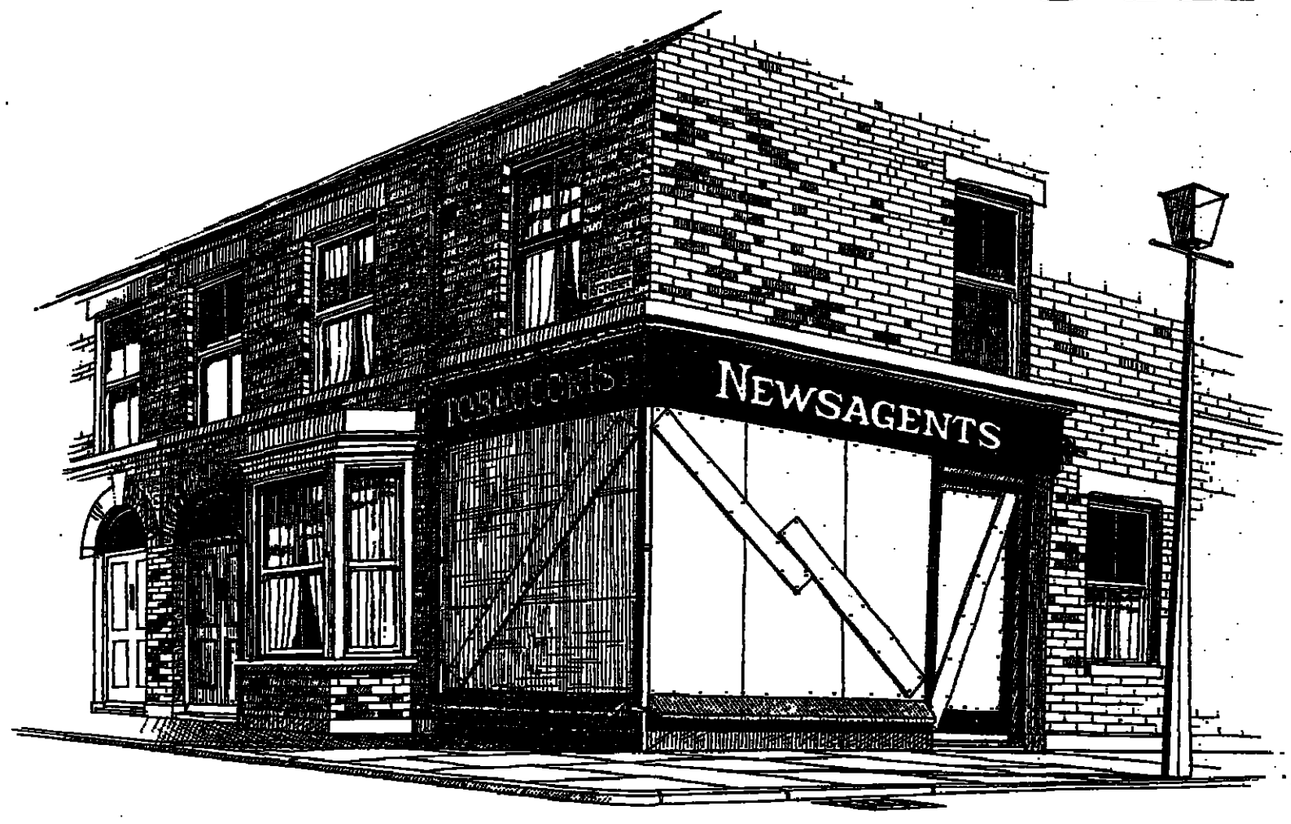
Until the end of the congress in the middle of next week, a question mark will hang over the future of the two remaining "old guard" figures still with full membership, Mr Dinmukhamed Kunayev, aged 74, and Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, aged 67.

Both were associated with Brezhnev and both were recently re-elected First Secretaries in their respective republics of Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

"That does not guarantee them a continuing place in the Politburo," explained one well-placed Soviet source. "And even if they do get back, I would give them two years at the maximum. Their political future is strictly limited."

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China says sorry to its victims

From Mary Lee Peking

China has promised to restore all the rights and property of Chinese who returned from abroad in the 1950s and 1960s but were persecuted during the 1967-76 Cultural Revolution.

The overseas edition of the *People's Daily* yesterday quoted Mr Miao Hui, director of the State Council's overseas Chinese affairs office, as saying that the remaining cases and problems will be resolved by the end of next year.

Western diplomats say that the new impetus behind righting the wrongs done on the thousands of Chinese who had returned — often from a higher standard of living in South-East Asia and the West — to help build up "The Motherland" after the Communist victory in 1949 comes from the need to attract the accumulated wealth some of these people still have overseas.

Moreover, diplomats add, many of these people have had the benefit of experience abroad, including better education, which China now needs.

Mr Miao, however, described the task of implementing the national policy towards returned overseas Chinese as "still arduous".

He called on all overseas Chinese affairs departments throughout the country to return all houses forcibly taken over from their owners, many of whom had fled from Indonesia in the early 1960s in the wake of anti-Chinese riots; to remove the Cultural Revolution's erroneous labelling of returnees and their relatives as "counter-revolutionaries" and "rightists"; to punish officials who continue to persecute returned intellectuals and those with relatives abroad; and to help more from this group to join the party.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Benin: Boniface Koundou

By Caroline Moorehead

A 25-year-old agronomy student in the West African state of Benin, who spent five years in prison without charge or trial on account of alleged connections with the non-violent student protests of 1979, is in detention again, this time accused of manipulating other students to demonstrate for improvements in the education system.

The demonstrations, which were put down with considerable force, took place in April 1985. Boniface Koundou was re-arrested on the university campus of Abomey Calavi, in Cotonou, on June 13. He had been free for only 10 months. Since then he has neither been charged nor tried.

After his release, by presidential amnesty, in August 1984, Mr Koundou resumed his earlier studies at the university, although he was refused a grant. Amnesty International does not believe that he was involved in the student unrest of 1985, but that he may have been arrested only because of his earlier detention. Mr Koundou is now in the central jail in Cotonou, where standards of hygiene are very low, and illness spreads rapidly.



Mr Koundou: neither charge nor trial.

New Zealand suspects French trade pressure

From Richard Long, Wellington

The New Zealand Government is inquiring whether trade setbacks with France and New Caledonia are a direct result of Paris directives after the Rainbow Warrior affair or of initiatives taken by French officials.

The Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, revealed this yesterday when asked about the French action in blocking imports of $8.5 million of lamb brains and the cancellation by New Caledonia of contracts for the purchase of meat and seed potatoes.

The Government has refused French requests for the release of two French secret service agents, Dominique Pricur and Alain Mafart, jailed for 10 years in November for their part in the sabotage of the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior and the death of a crew member.

Some right-wing French MPs have called for trade sanctions to force the release of the jailed pair, and the former French President, M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, said in a French radio interview at the weekend that a right-wing French Government would put pressure on New Zealand if it wins next month's elections.

Mr Lange said: "Right-wing, left-wing, the object is the same. There is no difference."

He said New Zealand could take a case to the EEC, but it would have to establish that France was pursuing a political objective.

Hint on liner blame

From Our Correspondent, Wellington

New Zealand Marine Department experts now say they know what happened before the Soviet liner Mikhail Lermontov hit rocks off South Island on February 16, and who was navigating at the time.

Captain Steve Ponsford, heading the two-man preliminary inquiry into the sinking of the 20,000-tonne liner while it was on a scenic voyage around New Zealand sounds, said this yesterday after the inquiry questioned the New Zealand pilot, Captain Don Jamison. He said his findings would go into a report to New Zealand's Minister of Transport.

The master of the ill-fated Russian vessel, Captain Vladislav Vorobyev, in an interview with Soviet television, laid the blame for the sinking on the pilot, saying he decided to take a route where there was no indication of depth on the charts.

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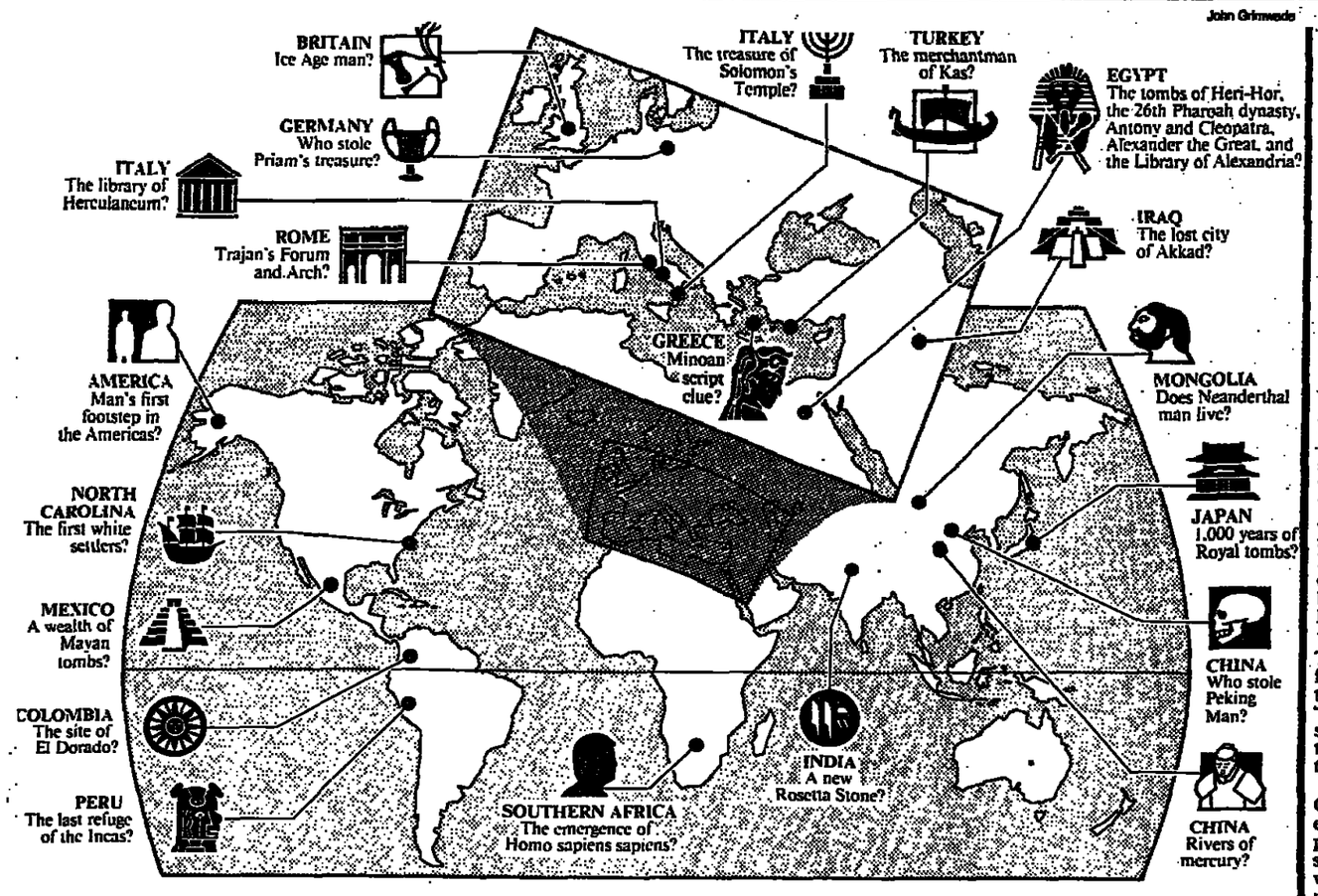
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Past with a rich future

This month's discovery of a lost Egyptian tomb prompts the question: how much more is still to be found? Alan Hamilton digs behind the headlines to find a world of treasure, as well as a host of clues to history, waiting to be uncovered

Archaeologists are in no doubt that the ground beneath their feet still contains an immense richness of both the fabulous and the academic. Professor Colin Renfrew, Disney Professor of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge, is certainly in no doubt that archaeology knows where it is going, even though, in this somewhat political and occasionally jealous discipline, there may be arguments about the precise destination.

"The great thing about archaeology is that its raw materials are always increasing. In the case of history, most of the documents are now known and in libraries. We have almost as many Greek and Roman texts as we shall ever have. But in archaeology, we have as yet only scratched the surface.

"The really exciting discoveries are not the precious metals, but the ones that advance our knowledge of the human past, how we came to be where we are today. Archaeology is a science and, like all sciences, it is open to change. The one thing we know for sure is that we don't know very much yet; there are plenty of surprises in store."

The terracotta warriors of Xian or the tomb of Tutankhamun are spectacular and increase public appreciation (and therefore probably produce more funds in the long run), but they do not necessarily divulge much about the past. The opening of Tutankhamun's tomb by Carter certainly excited the public – aided by exclusive coverage in *The Times* in 1924 – but academics were much more excited by another find made about the same time: the discovery at Bogazkoy in Turkey of the capital of the Hittite civilization, with its library intact.

Many archaeologists specifically do *not* want to find treasure. It can be an exceedingly dangerous business, especially in South America where professional booty-hunters may shoot an archaeologist they think is on the trail of ancient gold.

According to Paul Bahn, a freelance archaeologist and writer from Hull: "Finding treasure is very nice, but it is a by-product. It does, however, help to give you public support, especially at a time when, in this country at least, there is little money available for archaeology, and few jobs for archaeologists."

Most rich finds are stumbled upon by accident. The warriors of Xian were found by peasants digging a well. Iron Age chariot burials at Wetway on Humberside were found by a quarryman. "Pete Marsh", as the body was named, was found in a Cheshire bog by commercial peat-cutting machines.

Archaeology is affected by fashion, and the current academic fashion is to put everything in its context. There is a further fashion that, when you come across a find, you should leave most of it for future generations who will have better technology with which to examine it.

There are other considerations. A thousand years of Japanese emperors lie entombed, but the current culture of that country dictates that they should be left in peace. And there are modern mysteries more criminal than archaeological; whatever happened to King Priam's treasure that lay in the Berlin Museum until the outbreak of the last war? Did the Russians get it, or the peasants?

The evidence of unknown civilizations that will be unearthed in the future can only be left to the imagination. But here are the immediate prizes that the present generation of archaeologists hope to wrest from the earth's secretive bosom.

EGYPT

Egypt still has a wealth of secrets. Egyptologists would like to find the tombs of the 26th Pharaoh dynasty, said by Herodotus, the Greek historian, to be buried in a temple at Sais on the Nile delta, where sites are now in danger because of the pressure on land for agriculture. Also high on their list is the tomb of Heri-Hor, a high priest of the early 21st dynasty in the Valley of the Kings. The tomb is believed by some to outshine even that of Tutankhamun. Also, the tomb of Imhotep, grand vizier and architect of the stepped pyramid at Saqqara, is thought to be near last week's major discovery.

Little is thought to remain undiscovered near the pyramids, although a second boat pit, thought to be identical to one already excavated, waits to be uncovered near the Pyramid of Cheops.

A priority in Egyptology is the need to discover more settlement sites. The lives and richness of the kings is now well documented, but the ordinary lives of the ancient Egyptians remain relatively unknown.

The greatest prizes of all lie beneath the modern city of Alexandria, and are likely to remain there for the foreseeable future. They are the tomb of Antony and Cleopatra, the great Greek library of Alexandria – which would be a top-level academic find – and the remains of Alexander the Great, buried in his glass coffin and much visited by the Roman emperors, including Augustus who, according to the Roman biographer Suetonius, placed a golden diadem on the corpse's head.

ITALY

In Rome the monuments of several emperors still await discovery. Mussolini's grandiose triumphal boulevard, the Via Dei Fori Imperiale, is now being removed, and archaeologists will have a chance to study the area for the first time. It should reveal Trajan's forum and triumphal arch of the 2nd Century AD, as well as Vespasian's Temple of Peace.

South of Rome, the buried cities of Pompeii and Herculanium are still barely half-excavated. The latter, much of it under the modern town of Resina, may still contain a major library, likely to be excellently preserved as it was entombed in mud rather than hot volcanic ash.

A major Italian prize would be the tomb of Alaric, King of the Goths, who inflicted the first defeat on Rome in the 4th Century AD. He died in 410, and is thought to be buried under a river bed near Cosenza. He may have by his side the great seven-branch candlestick from Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, carried off by the Romans and subsequently seized by the Goths.

IRAQ

The biggest known prize of ancient Mesopotamia awaiting discovery is the city of Akkad, near Babylon. It was the capital city of Sargon, who created the first Semitic empire in 2300 BC, and was the superior city to Ebla, unearthed in the 1970s by Italian archaeologists. It is likely to have valuable archives, but so far its existence is known only through the writings of ancient Babylon.

CHINA

One of the greatest finds of modern times was the terracotta army of Xian in central China, 5,000 guardians of a dead emperor. But the careful and unhurried Chinese archaeologists have much more to find. The tomb itself, which will take several more years to uncover, is believed to contain a great three-dimensional map of the known world whose rivers run with mercury.

China is rich in royal tombs, particularly of the T'ang dynasty, and most are thought to be unplundered and intact. That of the Empress Wu of the 9th Century AD, 50 miles north-west of Xian, is expected to be particularly rich.

But China's greatest puzzle is the whereabouts of the bones of Peking Man. They were parcelled up and were supposed to have been shipped to America for safety at the start of the Second World War; they have never been seen since.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Homo sapiens sapiens – that's us – was once thought to have originated in the Middle East, but it now seems more likely to have been Southern Africa. A chance find is eagerly awaited.

INDIA

The greatest desire is for the discovery of a new Rosetta Stone to unlock the secrets of the script of the Indus civilization of northern India, circa 2000 BC.

BRITAIN

Most of Britain's past is now fairly well documented, but archaeologists would like to find evidence of the very earliest settlement in the late Ice Age. Of the known sites, there are high hopes that continued excavation at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk will yield yet more riches to add to the great ship burial. Near Silbury Hill the inviting East Kennet burial mound, as yet untouched, may yield important Neolithic finds.

THE AMERICAS

No one has any real idea when man first set foot on the American continent. It is thought that he came by land from Siberia before the Bering Strait divided the continents. Evidence of truly ancient man would be a major find, and the further south the better, for it could then be assumed that all the land to the north was peopled. But as in all cases, without writings archaeologists have no idea where to start looking. Almost as fascinating, at least to the Americans, is to determine where the first white settlers of the 16th century landed and built their first settlement. Work is in progress on Roanoke Iskand, North Carolina, to unearth the original settlement of 1584.

Among the ancients, only those of Mexico had writing, and there is a wealth of Mayan tombs in Central America waiting to yield their secrets. A more up-to-date archaeological puzzle concerns the identity of the thief who stole the magnificent jade mask of Palenque, one of the greatest Mayan treasures, from the Mexico City Museum last Christmas?

In South America, the treasures of the Incas are as yet unknown. South of Bogota, Colombia, a lake named Guatavita is thought to be the site of the fabled El Dorado, where the Incas cast unimaginable fortunes in gold into the water as offerings to the sun-god. Divers rarely fail to bring up gold pieces, but a major excavation would be exceptionally difficult.

And what became of the rest of the Inca gold? It is presumed that the Spaniards did not get it all, but it was not in Machu Picchu nor in any of the other lost cities that are constantly being stumbled upon in Peru. The Incas' last refuge, possibly full of gold, tombs and artefacts, lies waiting to be found.

TURKEY

The oldest shipwreck ever discovered, off Kas in Turkey, is likely to prove an important academic find as excavation proceeds. First spotted in 1984, the 3,400-year-old vessel was carrying a wealth of Phoenician, Greek and Cypriot artefacts, but the mystery is: who owned the ship?

GREECE

Buried under volcanic ash on the island of Thera, the city of Akrotiri is a kind of prehistoric Pompeii of about 1500 BC. There have already been some finds, including marvellous frescoes, but what archaeologists are hoping for is a library of clay tablets which would at last enable them to decipher the Minoan Linear A script.

OUTER FRINGE

Dr Myra Shackley is looking for surviving remnants of Neanderthal man in Outer Mongolia, but has yet to find any. There are those who believed that the Romans reached South America, and they hunt for Roman remains in Rio. There are also constant attempts to prove the Bible by archaeology, but no one has conclusively found remains of Noah's Ark; the only recent piece of sound Biblical archaeology has been the uncovering of Cecil B. de Mille's 1923 set for *The Ten Commandments* under the Californian sand.

The new London theatre arriving at platform six

Hard by Charing Cross station, the picturesque old Playhouse is about to be awakened from a long sleep

Commuters at Charing Cross station are perhaps unaware that just behind the back wall of platform six is one of London's most elegant theatres. Shuttered, mothballed and forgotten, the Playhouse's last audiences were for radio comedy shows, including *Hancock's Half Hour* and *The Goon Show*. But since the mid-1970s it has been dark.

The boom in West End audiences, however, means that there are now not enough venues. Next year, London's 45 theatres will be joined by a restored and resplendent Playhouse, with one unusual characteristic – its roof will be supporting two tiers of highly marketable flats with views to St Paul's Cathedral. The sale of these flats will finance much of the restoration. Theatre roof space – or "air rights" – is commonly sold in New York, but this is the first time a London theatre has been exploited.

The idea came from Robin Gonshaw, a residential property developer with a life-long passion for the theatre. He saw the empty Playhouse – whose entrance is on Northumberland Avenue – for sale in 1981 and persuaded his fellow directors to gamble about £700,000 on the project. It took four years to acquire enough railway land for access and to get the consent of all the planning bodies involved with a listed building. The last of these, Westminster City Council, gave its approval last week.

The new Playhouse Theatre Company is hoping to raise £1.4 million from the public as a Business Expansion Scheme. With a further contribution from the developers, this will provide £1.25 million for building and restoration and about £750,000 for productions. The company's object is not just the restoration of an unusually elegant theatre, but the creation of a new theatre management with an upmarket production policy.

"My principal reason for doing this is to be involved in the running of a theatre", Robin Gonshaw said. He has appointed Andrew Treagus, who in 1981 formed London's only general theatre management company, as production director. Treagus's services have been used in more than 25 West End productions for a variety of producers. He has worked most recently on two forthcoming musicals, *Time* and *La Cage Aux Folles*.

His experience suggests that a new West End theatre is certainly needed, even if sited on the fringe of theatreland. "London is in the opposite condition to Broadway – flourishing. I could lift the telephone at this moment and call four producers who are looking for theatres. There are probably at least a dozen shows looking for a home." With 787 seats – about the size of Wyndham's or the Apollo – the Playhouse could break even on rather less than 50 per cent capacity houses. With prudent management it is confidently expected to make money.

"It's an ideal size for straight plays. Our policy will be to produce four classic, modern or new plays per year for three-month runs with major stars who would not commit themselves for longer periods. Once launched, we expect to commission writers. There's a dearth of new plays in the commercial theatre."

Treagus says they are not trying to out-do the National, RSC or Royal Court, but an element of rivalry is inevitable. The theatre's three artistic consultants, Michael Rudman, Stuart Burge and Alan Strachan, have all made reputations in the subsidized sector. It could be the start of a new challenge from the commercial to the subsidized theatre for quality.

On the outside, the Playhouse presents a neo-classic curved facade of pilasters and pediments in Portland stone, which will conceal the flats from the road. The building will be threaded with concealed steel columns to bear the weight, and the roof separating theatregoers from flat-dwellers will be reinforced and sound-proofed.

Inside, the auditorium is in surprisingly good order for a building that has stood empty for 10 years. Instead of blackening or mouldering, the gilt still gleams on fine French plasterwork, on lantern poles, wall panels and bare-bosomed caryatids supporting the roofs of the boxes.

The 1907 interior, by two French architects, Detmar Blow and Fernand Billerey, is vivacious and light-hearted. It feels refreshingly different from the solid English style.

The consultant on restoration, Iain Mackintosh of Theatre Projects, says: "It's the only French theatre in London. It's as different in ambiance as a French restaurant is from an English one – very comedic and graceful, a theatre of style, small enough for laughter but with some features of grandeur – marvellous for Feydeau or Shaw."

Arms and the Man was written specifically for this theatre in 1904, when it was called The Avenue. After its third reopening – set for July 1987 – there should be a good reason to walk down the avenue again.

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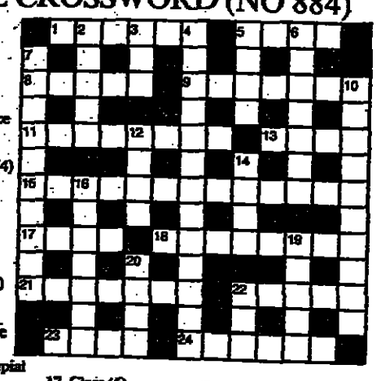
PAST GLORIES

- **1882:** Opened in March as Royal Avenue Theatre, presenting comic opera by Offenbach and others.
- **1890:** George Alexander became actor-manager.
- **1894:** George Bernard Shaw wrote *Arms and the Man* for the theatre's new drama season. "Having nothing but 'unpleasant plays' in my desk, I hastily completed a first attempt at a 'pleasant' one. It ran from April 21 to July 7. The public paid £1,777.5s.6d."
- **1898:** Charles Hawtrey became actor-manager, producing mainly farces and Somerset Maugham's first play, *A Man of Honour*.
- **1905:** Theatre pulled down. During rebuilding part of Charing Cross Station collapsed on it, killing six.
- **1907:** Theatre re-opened in January by Cyril Maude as The Playhouse with French interior.
- **1917:** Gladys Cooper became joint and then sole manager until 1933, playing in Pinero's *The Second Mrs Tanqueray* and Maugham's plays *Home and Beauty*, *The Letter*, *The Sacred Flame*, *The Painted Veil*.
- **1934:** Alec Guinness made his first stage appearance, walking on in *Libel!*
- **1942:** Wartime re-opening with Isabel Jeans in *Home and Beauty*.
- **1949:** The last success, Agatha Christie's *Murder in the Vicarage*.
- **1951:** Theatre closed. The BBC leased it as a radio studio until 1975.



Coming attraction: Robin Gonshaw and Andrew Treagus with an artist's impression of the refurbished building

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Hamnett says: Streetwise is smart

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KATHARINE HAMNETT

Katharine Hamnett is British fashion's most radical designer. Her powerful fashion statements – anti-establishment, sexually-charged and politically provocative – carry a torch for an entire generation. She launched deliberately crumpled cotton, androgynous, over-size clothes, slogan T-shirts and bellicose khaki fatigues. This was strong fashion meat. The clothes were rejected absolutely by those not like-minded – and taken up passionately and internationally by Hamnett's devotees.

When Katharine Hamnett faced Mrs Thatcher at a British fashion reception in a T-shirt with an anti-nuclear message (v the Prime Minister's velvet dress), it was the clash of two convictions.

"I'm sick of slogan T-shirts now", Hamnett says. "But what a wonderful information system! It put a message across the world."

Katharine Hamnett will soon have another way of spreading the word: she has signed a deal to give her three London shops and a flagship store in Brighton. This is "the kind of showcase that foreign designers all have", a springboard for expansion and an opportunity to bring her clothes directly to her public.

For her acolytes, the high priestess of street style now has a new creed.

" I want to have simple, smooth clothes that are tailored and formal", she says. "It is to do with smartening up, with power consciousness. People are taking responsibility for their own lives. Fashion is not just an industry; it exists as a cultural phenomenon. It reflects the underlying thing... What Jung calls the collective unconscious."

Form-fitting clothes, body-conscious swimsuits, separates moulding flesh in stretch fabrics and men's suits worn with collars and ties are Hamnett's expression of our present reality. She believes that the daughters of feminists reject fashion stereotypes.

" I'm anti the feminist stance that making yourself look sexy is a bad thing", Hamnett says. "That breed of puritanical, man-hating let's-all-be-ugly feminist has kicked the bucket. There is nothing wrong with sexuality."

She is passionate in her support for a sea change in young fashion. She wants men to get back into tailoring. ("It means dressing better than your boss when you're a kid of 26.") She wants the Greens in Germany to adopt a more convincing image: "Every time they appear on television they look such hicks – a man in a suit is next to a guy with an Oliver Cromwell haircut." She once flooded the women at Greenham with her T-shirts saying STOP ACID RAIN and is a heartfelt supporter of their cause.

"But women need to accept that they can be equal and still look like women", she says. "We can be the smartest and be the sexiest. There is nothing wrong with that."

Hamnett will be 40 next year. She is wearing black: a grand velvet hat and a Burton tailor-made man's velvet-collared coat (both second hand) over her own designed polo shirt and leggings.

She says that she identifies totally with her customers; that women identify with her because she works, has two small sons, is interested in the wider world and cares for its survival. For someone who believes in the greening of the planet, Katharine Hamnett is a surprisingly interior person. Her office in her Islington showroom is created as a cave, like the stage set of a bad fairy's grotto. She is close to the pop music world and can be found chuckling throatily over an empty glass in a darkened club in the small hours.

She is also a business woman, although she says that it has taken her 10 years to learn the things she wished she'd been told in a business management course at college. She started her career in fashion at end of the 1960s after leaving St Martin's College of Art. As a freelance designer, she churned out design ideas "like a mad scientist" for overseas companies.

"British fashion ideas fill the coffers of Japanese and French designers", she says with passion. "The tragedy is that we lose some of our most commercial designers to the opposition. What is so exciting about British fashion is the human resource – the human imagination."

Katharine Hamnett Limited was set up in 1979 with a £500 bank loan. Turnover last year was £4 million. Her backer for the new shops is Peter Bertelson, the fashion entrepeneur who has hitherto invested in luxury designer labels: Valentino, Armani, Ungaro.

The Hamnett shops will open next autumn, designed by Norman Foster, the architect. The move away from the retailers who have been supporting her has not been well-received. So Hamnett is throwing together two temporary London shops for the current season.

Such spontaneity is lifeblood to Hamnett, who claims to do her designing entirely from inspiration.

"The whole oversize story came from having a flash, seeing a whole group of things that were comfortable and sexy and easy to look after. Then I made them in the most beautiful material of the moment – white cotton. It expressed a spirit of freedom, an idea that crumpled is beautiful; it was a time for minimalism."

It was also a moment to challenge establishement rules of dress. Is Hamnett now turning her tailored back on fashion's politics of protest?

"I'm trying to put a subversive element in the clothes we're doing", she says. "They are not more expensive, but better cut. I like clothes that make you look more intelligent."

Harry Kerr



"I am anti the stance that making yourself look sexy is bad"

Left: Katharine Hamnett be-hatted against 'feed the world' poster

Nick Briggs



HERS: Thigh-length fitted suit jacket in cotton gaberdine £140, stretch cotton lycra mini skirt £40 and cut-away top £25, all from Katherine Hamnett shops at 50 South Molton Street and 124b King's Road from March; Equation, Bristol; Corniche, Edinburgh; Limey's, Derby. HIS: Khaki "shot" cotton jacket £145, trousers £75, shirt and tie, all by Katharine Hamnett from Browns, South Molton Street; Jones, Floral Street WC2 and King's Road. Sunglasses: Cutler and Gross. Make-up: Ruth Sheldon. Hair: Peter Forrester at Daniel Galvin

Young London chains back healthy look, reject post-Punk . . .Rebecca Tyrrel reports

HEALTHY LIVING

MISS SELFRIDGE

Three young fashion collections shown in London last week proved that whatever the message from the catwalks of Paris and Milan, London street fashion has its own ideas.

High street chains often take their cue from the designer collections. But the fitted body-conscious clothes featured so strongly on international catwalks were conspicuous by their absence.

Nor are the weird and wonderful clothes and wild prints of outrageous young style found in the chains. But at last weeks shows, straightforward clothes were often styled up with bold accessories to conjure the mood of post-Punk street fashion.

Miss Selfridge dressed healthy young models in bright tropical prints and paraded their ideas for spring along the wooden boards of The Sanctuary health club in Covent Garden.

There was nothing new amongst the layers of brightly coloured cotton T-shirts and leggings but a refreshing summer feel for bright, cool separates with the emphasis on cheap and cheerful.

The riding jacket was an important shape with its high lapels and fitted waist. The sharp tailoring at the back carved into folds of fabric to give the look of an Edwardian frock coat worn over white grandad leggings.

A retro Sixties look brought back body-hugging mini-skirts and tight cut-away vests in bold, brash spots and stripes. They were accessorized with oversized hoop earrings and white sunshades.

The move from the hard-edged 1960s to the laid-back 1970s was echoed by the clothes in this show. Bright acid colours, orange, lime and shocking pink, were mixed with washed-out, cropped denim which harked back to hippier days.

Chris Edwick



Miss Selfridge: White cotton two-piece £5.99 under cotton jacket £14.99. Striped jersey dress, £16.99

WORKING GIRL

WALLIS

Peplum jackets and waterfall skirts brought a touch of *Dynasty*-style glamour to the Wallis show. Colours were bright, hot pink and jade for blouses and T-shirts, but sober grey and navy blue for city-smart suits and separates. The newest shape in a collection that is unerringly classic is the riding jacket, a three-quarter length coat worn over a slim straight skirt. Wallis cater for the working girl but there are over-sized shiny shirts or blouson jackets with short zippy skirts for more sporty appeal.



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STREETS AHEAD

FRENCH CONNECTION

I emerged from French Connection's evening show feeling refreshed; the pace was fast and the fashion was fun.

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This is not one-season, throw-away fashion. The clothes themselves were simple and wearable so the look for '86 owes a lot to the way they were worn. Nothing was tucked in, lightweight trench coats fall off-the- shoulder and cotton peasant skirts were worn in layers, hitched up and fastened with safety pins. Bright madras check jackets hung loose over layers of Gaultier-style bustier tops. Cool cotton sweaters, emblazoned with heraldic badges, appeared over fly-away skirts or knee-length baggy shorts.

French Connection showed for both sexes and all ages. Brooding James Dean men walked out in boldly checked jackets with shiny trailing shirt tails; trench coats hung louse over pleated trousers.

Children stole the show, tripping over layers of baggy shirts and jeans worn under pinned-up skirts and trailing petticoats. The street-cool kids raced on to the catwalk, shaking their dreadlocks and shouting hurray for fashion.

French Connection: Coat £45.99, trousers £25.99, T-shirt £8.99

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The brass of it

I don't think mummy would approve, so I must ask Sally Oppenheim, the former Consumer Affairs minister, to avert her eyes. In his book *Telecommunications: A Businessman's Guide*, Tory MP Phillip Oppenheim writes with co-author and business partner John Derrick: "Another alternative to purchasing a phone from BT is to buy an illegal one that has not been through the approvals process . . . we cannot really see that illegal handsets do anyone any harm, and the chances that having one will get you into any trouble are slim, to put it mildly . . . Our advice, therefore, is not to ignore the illegal handset market." Oppenheim goes on: "There is also the risk of running into a troublesome BT engineer . . . some of them take a very sporting view, particularly if you offer them a suitable retainer." Yesterday Oppenheim told me: "I make no bones about it. You had to bribe a BT engineer to get work done. If they said the work would involve a one year's wait, you'd ring up your friendly engineer and slip him a fiver." Oppenheim suggested that for more up-to-date information I should subscribe to his magazine, *What to Buy for Business*.

Not quite final

Despite Britain's withdrawal last year, Sir Geoffrey Howe has written to Unesco seeking special facilities for two British diplomats in Paris. They would be responsible for preserving "liaison with Unesco's secretariat and with the delegations of all the member states" and, if Howe's request for observer status is granted, would have access to facilities, documents and buildings. If Unesco's executive board agrees when it meets in May, I wonder if there will be a *quid pro quo*. All privileges and immunities for Unesco officials visiting Britain will be withdrawn from March 13, including tax exemption, diplomatic passports and residence rights.

Living on

The two Worthing brothers who vowed to starve to death unless the local council agreed to save the town's Connaught Theatre enjoyed their first square meal in 43 days yesterday after the council unexpectedly granted a reprieve at the weekend. Both Roy and Michael Wilson, who had seen every play at the theatre for the past 10 years, looked skeletal; both had shed stones, and Michael went into a coma last week. The council denies the the fast prompted it to save the theatre.

BARRY FANTONI



'It was terrible. Neville went in and found our houseboy hitting the maid'

Surfacing again

Three years after scuppering the Prime Minister on television with precisely aimed questions about the Belgrano, Diana Gould is about to make a comeback. The part-time Cirencester games teacher is organizing a public tribunal at Hampstead Town Hall to re-examine the Belgrano sinking on the fourth anniversary in May. "Clive Ponting, Tam Dalyell and Ian Mikardo are all expected to appear," she told me. "So far we have not found anyone to defend the government, but we are sending invitations to Francis Pym and Lord Lewin, who asked permission to sink the ship."

Silenced

Former Bradford headmaster Ray Honeyford, hounded out for writing an article about the disadvantaged white pupils in his school, has still to win freedom of speech. He was to have addressed Bristol Polytechnic's Conservative association today but the meeting has been cancelled, at the request of the governing body. "I was going to talk about my experience," he said. "There is usually no problem. A meeting at Keele last week was an excellent occasion." The governors said that in light of recent disturbances elsewhere, his views might offend staff and students. The issue was raised by Rob Glendinning, chairman of the governors and also chairman of Avon council's education committee, which is likely to sit in judgement soon on Jonathan Savery, a local teacher under investigation for an allegedly racist article in *The Salisbury Review*. It was there, of course, that Honeyford wrote one of his offending tracts.

PHS

What Reagan stands to lose

Mary Dejevsky outlines the likely future of the US bases in the Philippines as the anti-Marcos drive gathers pace

The increasing pressure on President Ferdinand Marcos to step down leaves the Americans in a state of uncertainty. They have important strategic and financial interests in the Philippines: two military bases and investments of around $2,000 million a year. Any new government is likely to bring change in its wake.

A peaceful transfer of power to a plausible opposition grouping, preferably containing a military element, would make the US position easier. The Philippine military has strong links with the US. Its commanders are American-trained; its equipment and weapons come largely from the United States, and its strategy and tactics reflect a strong American influence. None the less, any new government might feel obliged to alter the existing arrangements if only to distance itself from the Marcos-US link.

The US has had its Subic Bay naval base and the Clark Air Force base since 1947. The initial agreement secured a US right to use the bases for 99 years. In 1979 a series of amendments made it clear that the Philippines had sovereignty over the bases, reduced the territory they occupied, and made Filipinos responsible for their external security.

These changes were a response to the changing assessment in the United States itself of the need for the bases and a growth of Filipino nationalist sentiment. The debate within the US followed the Vietnam debacle; Americans asked if it was worth maintaining a military presence in Asia at all. The US also saw the chance to normalize relations with the new, emergent China.

Sensing this possible lack of commitment, Marcos re-established relations with Moscow and Peking. Philippine dependence on the US began to be questioned.

But the US assessment changed dramatically in 1978 when Vietnam signed an agreement giving the Soviet Union extensive naval facilities at Danang and Camranh Bay. Suddenly Vietnam seemed to move from a position of potential neutrality between the three superpowers of the area, the USSR, China and the USA, to a Trojan horse for Soviet influence. The bases had to stay. Marcos recognized his improved bargaining position and the amendments to the original agreements were negotiated and signed.

Today the US has a number of options. These are analysed in a newly-published study, *The Philippines After Marcos*, edited by R.J.May and Francisco Nemenzo (Croom Helm £17.95).

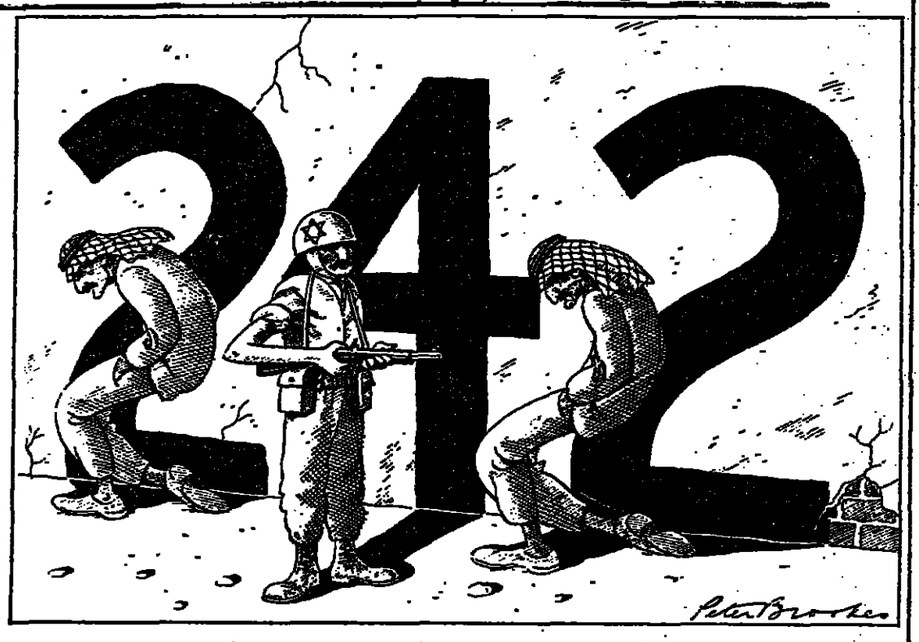
The first will be to hope that any new government's appetite for change will be restricted to cosmetic alterations – a modest increase in the number of Filipinos working at the bases; or an equally modest decrease in the territory they occupy.

The second could be to offer to close or suspend the facilities at one of the bases – probably Clark airfield, for which alternative facilities could be found at Guam. Unless the nationalist and anti-American element in any new Philippine government goes beyond the level that now looks probable, however, that government is likely to view such a radical scaling down of the US presence as likely to jeopardize the country's own security and lead to even higher unemployment.

The final scenario, the prospect that the Americans would be forced to withdraw entirely, looks remote. It would follow only from a left-wing or communist takeover, which appears only a long-term possibility, or from a complete breakdown of law and order. In that case, the Americans would have two options.

- To intervene from their bases. After the US experience of Asian imbroglios, that looks unlikely.
- To abandon both the naval base and the air base and use the facilities on Guam or nearby islands. The disadvantage here is that Guam is too far east to provide a US reach anything like as effective as it has at present, and the devastating effect such a withdrawal would have on morale at home. Fortunately for Washington, deciding between these two worst options is not yet necessary.

Musa Mazzawi on the Palestinian pleas that still go unheeded



Who will make amends for 242?

Few Palestinians are grieving at the failure of the talks between King Husain and Yassir Arafat. Indeed, many are jubilant that Security Council Resolution 242 has been unequivocally rejected on behalf of the Palestinians. The resolution offered the Palestinians less than nothing; and the terms reported to have been laid down by Washington as a precondition to any possible involvement by the Palestine Liberation Organization in a settlement are an insult to the Palestinian people.

The simple fact, which no amount of political smart talking is likely to obscure, is that the Middle East conflict is basically about the Palestine problem: about the Palestinians. They are the primary – and some would say the only – party that should be involved on the Arab side in the search for a solution.

The Palestinian people have one of the highest levels of education in the Middle East. They do not feel the need for guardians or custodians. The PLO is their "sole legitimate representative", according to a resolution adopted by the Arab summit conference in Rabat in 1974, and endorsed at the time by King Husain. Many countries, and the United Nations itself, recognize the PLO specifically in that capacity.

Resolution 242 has no special sanctity, either legal or moral. It is not in law unlike the 241 resolutions that preceded it and the scores that have followed it since 1967. Constant reference to this resolution (which was adopted by the Security Council at a time when it had no Arab member) does not add to its legal substance.

It should be interpreted in the context of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (which speak of the right of peoples to self-determination and to fundamental freedoms) and of the many resolutions adopted by the General Assembly which speak of the "inalienable rights of the Palestinian people".

The PLO is on record as agreeing to accept *all* United Nations resolutions as an integral package (including the partition resolution of 1947 which gave 67 per cent of the land of Palestine to the Jews, who then comprised only 35 per cent of the population). Is this not concession and compromise enough by the Palestinians?

What irks them is that there is not one mention in Resolution 242 of "Palestine" or "the Palestinians". There is a mere oblique reference when the resolution "affirms . . . the necessity for achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem". The Palestinians are thus dismissed as just a "refugee problem". How can a Palestinian leader acquiesce in that without betraying himself and his people?

Resolution 242 calls for the "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict". There has been a great deal of argument as to what precisely this means. Is it *all* the territories occupied, or only some of them? The Israelis naturally favour the latter interpretation. They speak about a "vulnerable" Israel with a narrow territorial waist difficult to defend militarily, and they say they are entitled to "defensible" borders. This, of course, can mean only one thing to Israel's neighbours – further Israeli territorial aggrandizement.

Resolution 242 speaks of "respect for and acnowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area". In other words, respect for the sovereignty etc of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, not for a Palestinian state. The resolution envisages the Palestinians as existing only under the Jordanian umbrella. The Palestinians do not accept this, and insist on the recognition of a Palestinian identity. There is no justification in law or morals for not conceding this claim.

It is because the PLO has so often categorically rejected Resolution 242 that Israel and its allies, chiefly the USA, have insisted on the resolution's acceptance as a precondition. If Yassir Arafat were suddenly to turn round and accept this resolution, the Israelis would immediately contrive another precondition equally indigestible to the PLO.

All the indications are that the Israelis do not genuinely want to negotiate with anybody about anything to do with Palestinian land. They want to continue with their colonization policy and are not likely by peaceful means to give up any significant part of what they now hold. The word "irreversible" is often used by Israeli spokesmen as describing the present state of affairs. The maximum that Israel is likely to concede is "autonomy" – ie, a little more freedom for the Palestinians to control minor domestic affairs.

Thirty years ago the late President Nasser of Egypt said: "What has been taken away by force can only be retrieved by force." For the Palestinians this maxim rings as vividly true today as it did then. They are being driven to desperation by the constant disregard of their basic human rights.

The conscience of the West is selective, if not perverse, when it comes to Palestine and the Palestinians. Anatoly Shcharansky's mother expresses her happiness that he is now "able to go to his own country". But the Palestinians who have inhabited Palestine continuously for 15 centuries are expelled and not allowed to go back. No distinguished people are seen in London reading lists of names and casting carnations to remind the world of their plight.

Something tragic and evil has happened to the Palestinians. Without exception, every one is either in exile, in a refugee camp, or under Israeli military rule. For the Palestinian people the clock of human progress has been turned backwards.

People of conscience must ask what possible justification there can be for this. If some Palestinians, after 40 years in the diaspora of despair, resort in self-defence and in pursuit of their rights to what some describe as terrorism, should not part of the blame fall on those who sit on the fence and blithely ignore the Palestinian people's cry for justice?

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Nicholas Timmins on official failure to work out an acceptable scheme to help the poor

Foolproofing the fuel bill

With the bitter cold, DHSS ministers find themselves in the usual dilemma over extra payments to those on social security to help pay their fuel bills. It is an issue with which no government in the 40 years of the welfare state has come to terms: if anything, it is likely to worsen when the changes in social security allowances are put into effect.

Already this winter the system for making extra payments for exceptionally severe weather has been shown to be a shambles, with lack of information and apparently random decisions by local offices on whether they should pay out extra money.

The figures for hypothermia deaths are elusive. After last year's hard winter, deaths from the cold were officially recorded as rising from 329 to 415 in the first six months of the year. This is clearly an underestimate. But the fact that the cold kills is not in dispute. Government statisticians calculate that for every degree difference in the average winter temperature deaths rise or fall by about 8,000.

The issue is one of the most difficult for the social security system to tackle. First, basic rates of benefit are too low to allow for high extra heating costs in a bad winter – the fact that exceptionally severe weather payments exist is acknowledgement of that. Second, despite official exhortations, the British have never taken home insulation seriously. Third, the weather varies greatly in different parts of the country.

Solutions such as paying an automatic extra addition to benefit in January and February, the coldest months, would be expensive and, in mild winters, would a bad winter would raise the same problems of defining a severe winter that plagued payments last year when the formula used proved so bizarre and cumbersome that it was eventually ruled unlawful.

Even finding a satisfactory definition would solve only part of the problem. While it might be freezing in Cornwall it could still be mild in north-west Scotland, and vice-versa. Paying a flat-rate bonus also fails to match extra payments to the widely differing costs of extra heating in well insulated and poorly insulated homes.

The solution governments have adopted is therefore to try and match extra payments to extra expenditure. In the past that was based on the judgement of local benefit offices relying on little more than a benefit officer sticking his head out of the window and deciding it was unseasonally cold. Under that system, 270,000 extra payments were made in the severe winter of 1981/82: research showed that hundreds of thousands more failed to get the money because the extra payments were inconsistently applied or because many simply failed to claim – from ignorance, pride or a belief that the system simply would not provide the extra money.

In an attempted improvement, a complex formula based on Meteorological Office data was introduced last year to regulate the payments for any given office. This too proved inconsistent. Kent, with its worst weather last winter for two decades, failed to qualify because the temperature at Heathrow, its measuring station, was not low enough.

The Social Security Commissioners having ruled that system unlawful, ministers have gone back to a system based on discretionary judgements of how bad the weather is; again this is proving unsatisfactory.

There are three further problems:

- No allowance is made for the greater cost of heating in the generally icy north than the generally mild south, and for any extra payment to be made the weather has to be exceptionally severe for the area. The implication is that pensioners in Aberdeen are a hardier breed than those in Bournemouth and need less help.

simply be a bonus. Paying only in

- Payments are made in arrears, so no one knows whether temperatures are so low that a period of exceptionally severe weather will be declared.
- A claim for the payment has to be made – in the case of quarterly bills many weeks afterwards. Last winter only 170,000 payments, averaging £10 each, were granted.

Unsatisfactory though all this is, there seems no simple short-term answer that would not be extremely expensive and no more likely than the present system to meet the needs of those with the severest problems – people who live in badly insulated homes with expensive forms of heating.

The long-term answer must lie in a far more determined attack on poor building standards and poor insulation. United Nations statistics show that in Britain the variation in the death rate between winter and summer is far greater than in other much colder countries where home insulation is taken seriously. In Britain there are roughly three times more deaths per capita each winter than in Canada and Scandinvia.

Under the government's social security changes, exceptionally severe weather payments are due to be abolished and on current plans will be replaced, if at all, by repayable loans rather than grants. Extra one-off payments towards draught-proofing, jackets for hot water cylinders, and payment of interest on loans to provide roof and other insulation will all go, again to be replaced by loans, not grants.

It is all cold comfort for the old and vunerable. Many more will die unless someone in government takes the issue seriously.

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Roger Scruton

Immoral man's survival kit

If we really wish to explain the increase in crime, we should consider the following hypothesis: that crime is explained by our desire to explain it. As we look for the causes of our behaviour, so we take attention away from the act itself, fencing it round with excuses, isolating it from judgement, and making inaccessible the only ground in which the seeds of morality can be sown: the ground of individual responsibility.

Surely it is this habit of explanation – this obsession with the "genealogy" of our acts and intentions – which has most effectively "transvalued" our values. That which Nietzsche so joyfully recommended is precisely what, in retrospect, we have greatest reason to deplore: the destruction of morality, by the habit of explaining it.

It would be wrong to assume, however, that the new "sciences" of man really *do* explain our behaviour. Their scientific guise is often no more than a mask, behind which a more serious moral purpose advances: the purpose of lowering the price of absolution. Left to his own in a godless universe, modern man sees no reason to deny himself and desires only the excuses that will justify him in the eyes of creatures like himself.

And since he recognizes no authority higher than science, it is to science that he turns for his exculpation. The sciences which are chosen as his idols are those which are most prodigal of excuses, which rain down upon him a stream of whitewashing explanations, and which tell him in one and the same breath that he deserves our sympathy and that he cannot be blamed.

Perhaps no science has been a more powerful source of absolution than the psychoanalysis of Freud. Here, in a single theory, the wandering conscience finds a complete kit for survival in a demoralized world. The sinner becomes a patient, and if he seems to do wrong, it is not really he who does it but an Unconscious whose machinations are unknown to him.

If he is tormented by conscience, then this too is the work of the Unconscious, which erects before his inner eye the spectre of a Super Ego whose authority can be instantly discounted as the survival of a primitive fear.

As the stage of personality is vacated by responsibility, however, it becomes the scene of a new and more spectacular drama – a noble tragedy in which the self is justified in the very act of being overwhelmed. Psychoanalysis simultaneously removes the individual from the sphere of praise and blame and returns him to it vindicated, a hero who has been finally justified by the fate to which he must succumb.

And psychoanalysis does all this without the slightest moral penalty: the only cost is financial, and who would not part with money for the sake of a clean conscience and an inexhaustible store of new excuses?

Of course, there has been no shortage of critics anxious to point to the scientific deficiencies of psychoanalytic theory: its dependence on metaphor, myth and imagery; its blithe indifference to evidence and refutation; its lack of experimental method; its self-serving definition of "illness", "therapy" and "cure". However, devotees of this "science" are impatient with such feeble, external criticism.

Their attitude is typified by Freud who, presented with a dream which seemed to refute his wishfulfilment theory, replied: "No, your dream is an expression of the unconscious wish to refute my theory." For the whole purpose of these pseudosciences of the soul is to make their exponents and their adepts *immune from criticism*, even from the criticism which their scientific pretension invites.

To break into this charmed circle and rescue the trapped moral sense is no easy task. One method, however, promises success: this is to treat the science of the soul as it treats morality, to search for its genealogy, and so to "transvalue" it.

As Ernest Gellner shows in a brilliant book *(The Psychoanalytic Movement*, Paladin, £3.50), the result is the downfall of every claim to authority that the Freudians have made. Professor Gellner describes the genesis of Freudian psychology in modern man's most dominating fear: the fear of other people. The Freudian doctrines, he argues, are superstitious responses to that fear, which enclose it, nurture it and promise a final redemption.

The idea of an Unconscious is introduced in order to devalue all certainties, and to place the patient's psyche outside of his own reach. The analyst thereby becomes priest in a solemn *rite de passage*, conducting the patient from unbelief to holy enlightenment. Gellner describes powerfully, and in the most brightly coloured prose, the causality of Freudian dogma in this concealed religious urge. In doing so he destroys its scientific claims, and devalues its morality. But he also praises, in a manner that is at once serious and ironical, these novel certainties so neatly tailored to the modern conscience, and so carefully separated from every suggestion of blame.

Gellner stops short, however, of drawing the most important conclusion. While this modern superstition erodes the moral sense, the religion upon which our civilization was built did just the opposite, upholding and supporting the idea of moral responsibility, and giving divine authority to its absolute commands. The secular superstitions offer excuses where religion offered fear, anger and blame; and while it compelled man against his will to be good, they entice him along the path of immorality.

When laws are made, institutions governed, and even churches led by those in the grip of these exculpating idolatries, should we really be surprised that the people turn more cheerfully to crime?

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Face-packing the court

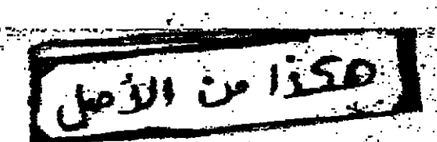
The trial continues today of Lord Howard de Pilatory, chairman of Grotty Body Products Ltd, who is accused of making 13,450 beauty products which tend to make the public less beautiful. He pleads guilty to two charges and not guilty to 13,448.
Here is an extract from yesterday's proceedings.

Counsel: We now proceed to item 865, your Pine Disinfectant. Do you really claim that pine trees help to disinfect you?
Defendant: Not at all.
Counsel: Then the name is a misleading claim.
Defendant: Not at all. We manufacture Pine Disinfectant so that people can disinfect their pine trees, Go round your plantation once a week, splashing it liberally on your trees, and you will have the healthiest pines for miles around.

Or splash it on your stripped pine furniture. As long as you keep buying the stuff and splashing it around, we're happy.
Counsel: So you do not advise putting it in lavatories?
Defendant: That depends. If it's a pine lavatory, why not?
Counsel: Hmm. Item 866 is described as "Nettle shampoo, for dry hair". Item 867 is called "Nettle shampoo, for oily hair". Do you recommend using this shampoo to get your nettles clean?
Defendant: No. We find that, generally speaking, people are happy with the cleanliness of their nettles.
Counsel: How can nettle shampoo be good both for dry and oily hair?
Defendant: It gets oily hair clean. It gets dry hair wet.
Counsel: Nettle does this?
Defendant: No, shampoo does this. The nettle is included only as a health food.
Counsel: Could you explain this?
Defendant: Certainly. People are very conscious these days of the need to slim, so they don't like to buy any beauty aid with fattening content like butter or coconut. We find that soaps and shampoos including health foods like nettle, yeast or brown rice do very well. We have recently introduced tofu as a leg cream, and it has done very well.
Counsel: Can you also eat it?
Defendant: Possibly. I would imagine it is very difficult to lick it off your legs.
Counsel: Hmm. Does the testing of your products involve any cruelty to animals?
Defendant: Absolutely not. We test them only on pine trees, and generally they survive pretty well.
Counsel: And if the pine tree keels over and dies?
Defendant: We add a note, in very small print: Not To Be Used On Pine Trees.
Counsel: Item 868 is called "Strained Greek Yogurt Face Cream." Who is this for?
Defendant: Strained Greeks. It works quite well on tense Italians as well.
Counsel: What would you recommend to a stressful Frenchman?
Defendant: Entretenez une maitresse, monsieur, entretenez une maitresse!
Counsel: Let us move swiftly on to item 869, your Seaweed Moisturizer. I take it this is for moisturizing seaweed?
Defendant: Not at all, smarty-pants. It's for rubbing on your face.
Counsel: To what effect?
Defendant: To help forecast the weather. If your face goes dry, you're in for a hot sunny spell. If your face starts dripping, then rain is due within 24 hours. If your face goes cold and grey, then surely snow is on the way.
Counsel: We now come to one of the two items to which you have pleaded guilty: 870, Crab Apple Skin Roughener. So you admit that this is not a beauty product?
Defendant: Absolutely. It's for people who have come back from an adventure holiday with clear, smooth skin. What they need is a set of instant wrinkles, and that is what Crab Apple Skin Roughener does. It is made, incidentally, from a mixture of apples and dressed crab, which gives them an appealing maritime odour.

(The trial continues. More some other time.)





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FIRST CATCH YOUR MILITANT

Since he gave notice to the Labour Conference in Bournemouth that he saw no place in the Labour Party for members of the Militant Tendency, Mr Neil Kinnock has zealously and properly pursued his intention of rooting out that party within a party. His test case has been the the Militant-dominated Labour Party in Liverpool whose conduct has been the subject of an internal Labour inquiry. As a result of this, ten Liverpool Militants, including the deputy leader of the City Council, Mr Derek Hatton, stand accused of subverting the party constitution, and of abusing its rules in order to give the Militants control of the City council. Tomorrow, Labour's National Executive Committee will vote on whether the ten accused Militants should be expelled, as the majority of the committee of inquiry recommends.

In his action against the Militants, Mr Kinnock has had the support of the soft left (his own wing of the party) which, on the NEC, now seems to include such decidedly firm left figures as Mr David Blunkett, the leader of Sheffield Council. At Bournemouth, Mr Blunkett, to Mr Kinnock's evident annoyance, tried to get Mr Hatton and his friends off the hook by proposing talks to solve Liverpool's constitutional crisis, which predictably came to nothing.

Like Mr Ken Livingstone in London, Mr Blunkett is one of those leftists who have risen to influence through power in local government, and who expect to be in the next Parliament with safe Labour seats. They are interested in power and like Mr Kinnock they do not wish the public to be frightened by the blatantly anti-democratic Militants. It seems likely that Mr Blunkett's, and other generally leftist votes, will ensure that the NEC decides to expel the ten.

A major row will then erupt in the Labour Party. For the Militants have the support of Mr Tony Benn, Mr Eric Heffer and Mr Dennis Skinner on the NEC, and of others whose instinctive allegiance is to a harsher, more realistic and harder-headed kind of Marxism than that represented by the self-discrediting Militants. Indeed, one of the most conspicuous features of internal Labour politics in the last decade and more has been the willingness of those who conduct their politics in what might be called a hard-headed Leninist frame of mind to defend the infliltrating Trotskyists, for whose type of political thinking they have contempt, but whose activities within the party they see as useful in helping to manoeuvre it leftwards.

The Militants will also have the support of a minority group on the enquiry, Mrs Margaret Beckett and Mrs Audrey Wise, and if the ten are expelled they will presumambly appeal to the next Labour Conference. Their expulsion (if the NEC decides on it) will presumably be upheld since their will be a substantial union card vote majority for it. But the Militants' cause will arouse passionate atavistic feelings in the rank-and-file which are hardly like to help Mr Kinnock's wish to assure the electorate that he has a moderate party behind him.

That apart, expulsion of the ten Militants must logically raise the position of the two MPs, Mr David Nellist (Coventry SE) and Mr Terry Fields (Broadgreen) who do not deny supporting Militant, whatever may be their response to charges of "membership" (the offence, with expulsion as its penalty, which is denied by all accused Militant supporters). There are members of the Shadow Cabinet, and of the Parliamentary Labour Party, who would like the whip to be withdrawn from these MPs. That, however, is most unlikely to happen since Mr Kinnock and the supportive soft left do not wish it, and there is a widespread wish in the party not to embarrass the leader now Labour's election prospects are improving. Easier targets are the Militants who have been selected as parliamentary candidates, Mr Pat Wall (Bradford N.) and Mr John Bryan (Bermondsey). Their position may also be raised in the NEC tomorrow.

Yet the root of the matter is not so much the expu lsion of this or that Militant adherent in local government, the withdrawal of the Whip from Militant MPs, or even the refusal of NEC endorsement for Militant parliamentary candidates. It is rather the willingness of the NEC to tackle the composition of local constituency party organizations where these have been captured by Militant entryists. Even to disband Liverpool District (City) Labour Pary, which consists of delegates from the constituency parties which determine the selection of future MPs, would achieve nothing unless the composition of the constituency parties as such can be rescued from the infiltrators.

Disbandment does seem to be on the agenda of the NEC tomorrow. But of course even if it were decided that this was appropriate for Liverpool (no constituency party has been compulsorily disbanded and reformed since the Sixties) there would remain the wider Trotskyist infiltration, which is much more prevalent than the Militant label. In London, for instance, where Militant is of comparatively little significance, a virtually identical form of leftism (Mr Ted Knight's and Mr Bernie Grant's for instance) flourishes under various other kinds of nomenclature.

Mr Kinnock has made a start on Labour's threat from the hard left, and should be commended for it. But his attack on the Liverpool infiltrators merely touches the tip of an iceberg. His and the softer left's attack on the strictly restricted definition of Militant "members" has also to be recognized as a useful distraction from the more general influence of the deeper left in Labour politics.

THE END OF THE MARCOS AGE

Rarely can a nation's predicament have been expressed more poignantly than in the scenes from the Philippines at the weekend. Ferdinand Marcos sending his tanks against the rebel leaders from one quarter of Manila; the two rebel leaders under guard in another; and between them the people, thousands of them, stopping the tanks in their tracks.

Those scenes alone make the fall of the self-proclaimed President as urgent as it is inevitable. For the Philippines, the post-Marcos age has already been born. Only the nature of its baptism has still to be decided. Will it be in the fire of civil war or the water of a new beginning?

Developments so far have encouraged the hope that extensive violence can be avoided. The civilian opposition, led by Mrs Corazon Aquino, has steadfastly eschewed the use of force. The military opposition, in the figures of General Ramos and former Defence Minister Enrile, has advocated a non-violent approach. If discipline is upheld - and the involvement of senior military figures in the opposition makes this - there is every prospect of a speedy handover of power to a non-Marcos government.

It is then that the problems begin. In opposition to Marcos, a broad coalition has emerged. It has united sections of the armed forces and business communities who see no future for themselves in a Marcos-led Philippines. It has united the anti-Marcos middle classes, and the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church, who campaigned against the corruption of the Marcos rule. And the Americans found themselves compelled, albeit belatedly, to join in.

But these are disparate groups, with disparate interests; the removal of Marcos their one common purpose. Without him, they have no unifying objective. It will take a spirit of compromise and forbearance if a coherent government is to emerge. It will not be possible to satisfy all interests at once.

Nor will it be possible to finish with the Marcos era quite as rapidly and conclusively as many of his opponents would like. Both the rebel military leaders have close links with the past. General Ramos was Deputy Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces; indeed, he had just been appointed Chief of Staff by Marcos following the dismissal of General Ver. He is also related to President Marcos. Mr Enrile, although a politically ambitious lawyer, is also a former Defence Minister.

These ties with the past promise a measure of stability and may make it easier for the Americans to accept the transfer of power. But they will not be particularly acceptable — after the euphoria has died down — to those like Mrs Aquino and her supporters who opposed Marcos throughout.

Yet without the support of the military, or a good part of it, Mrs Aquino's own future as a political leader would look distinctly less promising than it does at present. Her political experience is limited; she has been accused of naivete by her supporters, as well as her opponents. And she will be vulnerable, if not now then in the future, to charges that she too represents only one section of the population — the wealthy middle classes. She will have to show that she is serious about improving the lot of the urban and rural poor (even at the expense of her own family's interests), if she is to retain the support they have invested in her.

The costs of not retaining this support are high, not only for Mrs Aquino — in the likely event of her being proclaimed the election victor — but for all the groups represented in the anti-Marcos coalition. For the clear and only alternative to such a coalition is political and social chaos: a civil war or a left-wing takeover, more probably, the one leading to the other.

The communists, who boycotted the presidential election and will stand aside from the coalition, may be seen in some quarters as the only group to have kept their integrity, and maybenefit accordingly. The most heartening aspect of the whole election fiasco in the Philippines so far is that at the moment this seems so remote a possibility.

Animal experiments

From Dr Michael Balls

Sir, Bishop Agnellus Andrew and his co-signatories (February 22) appear to have misunderstood the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill, which last week was given a second reading in the House of Commons, having completed its passage through the House of Lords without a single division.

The Bill contains two major provisions. First, scientists with a *personal* licence of competence will in future also require a *project* licence authorising a particular programme of research.

Secondly, in deciding whether a project licence should be granted the Home Secretary will be required to balance the likely adverse effects on the animals to be used against the likely benefit to man and other animals. Thus, although the Bill does not provide for the total prohibition of any procedure currently in use, when enacted it will result in an immediate strengthening of control, since *all* use of laboratory animals will have to be justified and specifically approved.

Since the 1983 general election the Government has consulted widely, not only during the preparation of two White Papers, but also during the drafting of the Bill, which therefore has considerable support both within and outside Parliament.

Happily, there are grounds for confidence that members of Parliament will concur with the considered opinion of the FRAME (Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments) trustees "that the goal of reducing the number of animals used for essential purposes, minimising any suffering caused to them, and replacing them with alternatives wherever possible and as quickly as possible, will be better served by supporting the Bill more or less as it stands".

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BALLS,
Chairman of Trustees,
Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments,
Eastgate House,
34 Stoney Street,
Nottingham.
February 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

English misused by engineers

From Professor E.H. Brown and others

Sir, As professors from each of the main fields of engineering in British universities we are concerned at the near-collapse in our schools' teaching of the syntax of English.

The *power* of our language, for fine distinctions and complex arguments, results only from the systematic teaching of precision, and engineers and scientists are often dismayed to find that the present-day school-leaver cannot adequately wield that power. The emphasis in recent years on free and imaginative writing, excellent in intent, has proved no substitute for a thorough grounding in structure and grammar when exact scientific statements are to be made or when the case for a complicated proposal has to be argued.

It may be said that the modern aim is for creativity, and if so engineers will applaud it. We too admire fine writing; we know that some of the noblest achievements of man — in literature as in engineering — have sprung from the occasional genius who could see beyond the rules and create a new entity. We also know that such individuals number perhaps one in a million. The rest of us must service the civilization we have and earn its daily bread, and in engineering the task requires clear thinking and precise communication.

It may be said that usage evolves, as indeed it does: the rules are for ever shifting. We believe that the changes are slow and peripheral. There exists a rugged detailed structure of the language that enjoys general assent; it is crucial to the transfer of intricate information and it is the birthright of every Briton willing to master it.

There are moves afoot to introduce new AS-level examinations (two AS-level studies occupy the time of one A level) in Precise English, or some such title. The proper time to teach the basis of the language is in earlier years: the proper initiative is to promote an O-level/GCSE-level study, to be the heart of our secondary education.

If our schools really cannot provide it, *then* — and only then — we shall welcome an AS-level examination emphasizing the meticulous use of English, and we would look warmly on admission candidates who had succeeded in it.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. BROWN (Department of Civil Engineering, Imperial College, London),
J. D. E. BENYON (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and former Head of Electrical Engineering, University of Surrey),
B. N. COLE (Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Leeds),
H. MARSH (Department of Engineering, University of Durham),
S. A. V. SWANSON (Pro-Rector and former Head of Mechanical Engineering, Imperial College, London),
J. C. R. TURNER (Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Exeter),
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
Department of Civil Engineering,
Imperial Institute Road, SW7.
February 18.

Merger issues

From Mr J. Camplin

Sir, Sir Michael Edwardes (February 19) has it exactly wrong. The reason that such companies as Imperial, Distillers or Plessey look overdue for radical reorganization is precisely that they are representative of the over-concentration of British economic activity in the hands of a relatively small number of companies: the corporation, contrary to popular belief, has a stranglehold over UK business activity to a far greater extent than it has, say, among our American rivals.

Sir Michael's vision of uniform global markets, apparently to be won by some magic formula connected with sheer size, is already backward-looking. The one certain thing about the future, at least in the Western economies, is that fashions, tastes, needs — and hence consumer demands — will change faster than ever before, with regional variations both in details and in timing.

No slow-moving, unadaptable, bureaucratic colossi of the kind Sir Michael would have us create will be able to cope with that. Instead, our energies should be concentrated on educating both the City and businessmen away from merger mania and towards finding the necessary finance for the many creative new ideas in our society.

Yours faithfully,
JAMIE CAMPLIN,
10 Church Lane, SW19.
February 20.

From Mr Edgar Palamountain

Sir, Sir John Hoskyns (February 20) had presumably not seen Sir Michael Edwardes's letter of the previous day. Both letters, however, are equally relevant to what is clearly — and understandably — becoming one of the major policy issues of our time.

The whole field of corporate control exemplified by the takeover debate suffers from the absence of any recognised politico-economic critique. All that we have to guide us is common and statute law, both evolved over a period when these problems were virtually unknown, and a city code which, however well developed and administered, suffers inevitably from the narrowness of its terms of reference.

In this situation neither the Secretary of State nor the Office of Fair Trading nor the Monopolies Commission can possibly be expected to have a clear view of the national interest. Competitive policy is hopelessly adrift; we grope forward and blunder on, unable to assess either the results of past takeovers or the merits of those in prospect, let alone their political implications, and wondering whether maybe Lord Vinson was right in ascribing many of them to "personal megalomania masquerading as corporate efficiency".

The international dimension alone, the subject of Sir Michael Edwardes's letter, raises very grave issues, not least for this council, whose declared objective is to encourage wider share ownership in British industry and commerce. But it is to the totality of the problem that attention must be directed urgently.

This is political economy on a grand scale, calling for the talents — if I may attempt to be even-handed in the matter — of a Keynes or a Hayek.

Yours faithfully,
EDGAR PALAMOUNTAIN,
Wider Share Ownership Council,
Juxon House,
94 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4.
February 20.

Aid for charities

From Mr Barry Gifford

Sir, You have recently featured speculation that the Chancellor is considering introducing tax deductibility on single donations to charities in his forthcoming Budget. However, VAT has been shown to be an increasing burden for many charities, costing them between £20 million and £25 milion each year.

Corporate donations account for a *very* small percentage of charitable income. Corporate donations to the Royal National Institute for the Blind, for example, of which I am finance secretary, would have to increase by 400 to 500 per cent to match the amount they pay in VAT each year — and this increase would have to be guaranteed. No doubt fluctuations in company profits would affect the income of charities.

Commercial companies can recover their VAT; is it not the charities' turn?

Yours,
BARRY GIFFORD,
Executive Chairman,
Charities VAT Reform Group,
24 Gladwyn Road, SW15.
February 21.

Hospital violence

From Mr Edward R. Howard

Sir, The examples of violence experienced by staff in a London hospital (Dr Thurston, February 12) are typical of everyday events which afflict the NHS hospitals of inner-city areas. Sadly for London the reply from the Minister of Health, Mr Hayhoe (February 15), is very misleading.

This hospital, at which I am a consultant surgeon, is situated in one of the more deprived areas of England. Nurses, medical staff and students have suffered from personal assaults on many occasions. Theft, which results in a loss of such diverse items as television sets, computers, patient-monitoring equipment, operating theatre equipment, personal effects of patients and staff, toys from children's wards, curtains, pictures, etc. is a daily occurrence.

Last year the financial implications of criminal acts in our area were brought into sharp focus by a savage knife attack on one of our local policemen, PC George Hammond. A conservative estimate of the cost of treatment to the health authority of this one brave patient is approximately £100,000.

Mr Hayhoe states that there will be a 6.7 per cent increase in expenditure for the health service next year and that health authorities should find money for stronger security measures from within their current budgets. The reality for our health authority is a *reduction* of £3.1 million in budget allocation over the next six years through the application of the iniquitous RAWP (Resource Allocation Working Party) re-allocation formula.

To make things even more difficult, the health authority is also required to make up annual shortfalls from Government spending on pay and price increases. The imposition of yet another financial burden on inner-city hospitals, as suggested by Mr Hayhoe, will lead to further cuts in patient resources. Placebos from the DHSS cannot alter these hard facts.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. HOWARD,
King's College Hospital,
Denmark Hill, SE5.
February 16.

From Ms Judith A. Ormrod

Sir, as a radiographer working in an accident and emergency hospital I read with interest the letter from Dr J. G. B. Thurston (February 12) concerning violent attacks on hospital staff, and particularly noted the incident concerning the radiographer. Luckily for her, a nursing sister, despite having a broken arm, came to her rescue.

Most radiographers work single-handed at night in an X-ray department isolated from the rest of the hospital. Indeed a frequent conversation topic in my department is our fear and sense of vulnerability during night duty. Fortunately most, although not all, of our aggressive patients are young males and have an almost superstitious awe about the power and prescience of X-rays, so I have on occasion been able to bluff my way out of a difficult situation by explaining that, if they continue to stay in the department, the X-radiation will render them not only sterile but impotent.

This usually persuades them to leave immediately, providing, of course, that they are sober enough to understand the implication of what I have said, but too drunk to realise that it is utter nonsense.

None the less, physical and verbal assault is a fact of life amongst health workers, and so I strongly support Dr Thurston's plea for more money to be made available to provide better security for all night duty staff, including the lonely radiographer.

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH A. ORMROD,
11 Valley Close,
Colden Common,
Winchester,
Hampshire.
February 13.

Nursing skills in Saudi Arabia

From Miss Shelagh M. Murphy

Sir, As a principal source of information for Alison Miller's feature on nursing in Saudi Arabia, "Emergency Ward Islam" (February 19), may I clarify one or two points which might otherwise mislead potential visitors to that country.

Having worked as a nurse both in this country and abroad — for two and half years very happily in Saudi Arabia — I can assure you that the nurse, either on or off duty, will be no more subject to sexual harassment in Saudi Arabia than in Great Britain.

The Saudis recognise as well as anybody that their way of life imposes certain restrictions on the European visitor, and the Royal College of Nursing therefore tries to spell out those restrictions for the nurse contemplating working there.

They reflect the fact that religion plays a greater part in the life of the Saudis than of the British: Saudis are therefore more sensitive to actions, words or gestures that transgress or offend their codes of behaviour. But transgression of particular "do's and dont's" is of much less significance to Saudis than evidence in visitors of courtesy, common sense and sensitivity in approaching a culture different from their own.

It is unfortunately the case that nurses who seek work in Saudi Arabia solely for the financial rewards and who view the environment as something to be put up with rather than adapted to will not enjoy or benefit from the experience.

Yours faithfully,
S. M. MURPHY,
International Secretary,
Royal College of Nursing,
20 Cavendish Square, W1.
February 20.

Kidney donors

From Mr Oliver Henry

Sir, Mr Hughes-Davies puts forward an intriguing idea in suggesting that kidney donors show their willingness to be of service by having a D against their name in the telephone directory.

It's a laudable try but alas, apart from all the commercial entries whose staffs cannot be so listed, only the subscriber's name will be shown, not that of his or her family members. And if a potential donor should suffer a fatal car accident in Aberdeen, though he is normally resident in Penzance, delay in tracing which phone book to search could render the donor's wishes useless.

The voluntary carrying of a donor card at all times still seems the best way of giving those concerned the immediate information and permission to act, short of actually being tattooed with a special and universally recognised mark.

Yours sincerely,
OLIVER HENRY,
1 Buttermere Gardens,
Alresford,
Hampshire.
February 21.

'Positive' scoring

From Mr J. R. Little

Sir, In your excellent second leading article (February 15) "A boot too far", you point out that penalty place kicks at goal qualifying for three points may be taken wherever on the field they occur.

May I suggest, through your columns, that the authorities consider restricting penalty place kicks at goal to infringements outside a defined area — say the 22 metre line — and for infringements within that area, the side granted the penalty should "run the ball". Scoring should be left as it is at present, rewarding the dropped goal and the conversion of a try in the normal way.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. LITTLE,
Little Court,
Drinkstone Park,
Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk.
February 18.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 25 1861

In 1986, when the government of London is about to change, it may be apposite to look back 125 years.

Then the heart of the ever-growing empire was governed in a fashion little removed from medieval. About 50 parishes were administered by elected vestries, which remained in office even when the London County Council was constituted in January, 1889. The London Government Act of 1899 abolished the vestries, replacing them by a number of boroughs. The LCC was itself replaced by the Greater London Council in 1965 when it then appeared that the suggestion in The Times *leading article of a "real Metropolitan Common Council" had been fulfilled - although the "Metropolitan Mayor" had to be content with the more prosaic title of Chairman of the GLC.*

[LONDON'S GOVERNMENT]

The House of Commons has appointed a Committee to inquire into the Local Government of the Metropolis...They are about to discover that there is a Corporation of the City of London, and a Metropolitan Board of Works; that there are two belligerent bodies of police with hostile frontiers, and that there are litigant and squabbling parochial bodies in a state of perpetual protest against some new requisition. They are, in fact, about to discover that the Metropolis has no Local Government whatever... Riding or walking, no man can look about him in this metropolis without becoming immediately convinced that it has no Local Government whatever. No doubt, there are all sorts of industrious people latent in different parts of the great labyrinth who are performing duties of an official character. If a man steals your watch and you beg a policeman to run after him, even if that policeman should shake his head and say he cannot follow him on the other side of the street, yet, if you will follow him yourself and drag him to a police-office, there is a magistrate there who will commit him. If you should be told, however, that magistrate is the LORD MAYOR of the City of London, do not believe it. He is no more LORD MAYOR of the City of London than the Grand Duke of BADEN is Emperor of Germany. London is the most tremendous aggregate of wealth, intelligence, and population which exists upon this earth; he is the administrator of a little district, consisting of a certain number of warehouses and offices and shops and public buildings. When he commits the man who stole your watch he is doing part of his real duty, but when he puts on a gold chain and a dress of ceremony, and affects to represent this great London, he is acting under a delusion successive in his office; and he is just as much an innocent imposter as the gentleman in Bedlam who declares that that he is the GREAT MOGUL. London has no Local Government, and it requires no Committee of the House of Commons to convince us of that fact...

Yet this great city might be supposed to be worthy of a government. The Metropolis of England might be expected to have a heed and a voice and a corporate existence. It is scarcely decent that such a mass of wealth and power should lie speechless and unintelligent in the world. It is felt to be so gross an inconvenience, that foreigners insist upon assuming some one to be the representative of this vast province of houses and these three millions of inhabitants. They take the LORD MAYOR, who is territorially a very much less important metropolitan official than the Chairman of the Marylebone Vestry. We are all obliged to a certain extent to follow their example. If a General comes back from a great war, or an Ambassador from a great peace, or if a foreign Sovereign pays us a visit, or if any expression of public sentiment is to be made, we are obliged to look to the LORD MAYOR and the Aldermen and Common Councilmen to do the proper acts of civility, or express the common feeling. We know very well that they only represent a certain number of streets which were once enclosed within certain old walls, the memory of which has long since perished. We know that they are only the delegates of a few Liverymen, whose views may very possibly be entirely at variance with those of the great Metropolis itself; but it is the only organization we have, and we are compelled to make use of it. The foreign Sovereign is obliged to make believe, as he sits beside the MAYOR and the Aldermen and the Common Councilmen, that he is accepting the hospitality of the City of London; the Ambassador is bound to declare that the proudest moment of his life has arrived when he is presented with that gold box in which is contained the freedom of the City of London, and the Ministers are, at least annually, obliged to go through the solemn farce of pretending to speak to a proportionally small clique of altogether uninfluential persons, and to address them as the merchants of the City of London...

Meaningful terms

From Mr C. D. Georgalakis

Sir, At a seminar on energy conservation where guests were invited to table questions, first giving their name and profession, I was most impressed and intrigued by an "environmental physicist". He was a plumber.

Yours faithfully,
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Architects and Interior Designers,
Ditchling Common,
Burgess Hill, Sussex.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 24: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, today opened and toured the British Equestrian Trade Association Trade Fair at Sandown Park Racecourse where Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (The Lord Hamilton of Dalzell).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

Prince Andrew will visit Singer Link-Miles Limited, Lancing, West Sussex, on March 12, to open the new headquarters building and assembly facility.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception for the Stop Polio Board at 10 Belgrave Square, on March 12.

A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Kenneth Cantlie will be held at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London, SW1, on Wednesday, February 26, 1986, at noon.

A memorial service for Lord David Cecil will be held at St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, EC1, today at 11.30am.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of James Monahan will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, today at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.S. Buckler and Miss R.E. Grosvenor
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs Humphrey Buckler, of Blackheath, London, and Rachel, eldest daughter of the Hon Victor and Mrs Grosvenor, of Grafton, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.H. Baker and Miss C. Weaver
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr Henry Baker and the late Mrs Baker, of Owletts, Cobham, Kent, and Caroline, second daughter of Sir Toby and Lady Weaver, of London, NW6.

Mr N.P.A. Ayles and Miss C.I.E. Baxter
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Dr and Mrs William Ayles, of 34 Moray Place, Edinburgh, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Normile Baxter, of House of Aquahorthies, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

Mr T.W. Battersby and Miss J.A. Pilgrim
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.R. Battersby, of Wincle, Cheshire, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Pilgrim, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr R.S. Campbell Richards and Miss A. Pearson
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Richards, of Porthcawl, Mid-Glamorgan, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Pearson, also of Porthcawl.

Mr J.H.T. Chapman and Miss P.L. Tacon
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Chapman, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Tacon, of Brundall, Norfolk.

Mr D.K. Hempleman-Adams and Miss C.A. Brooks
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr Michael D. Hempleman, of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Mrs M. Adams, of Radstock, Bath, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Brooks, of Turnditch, Derbyshire.

Captain J.C.A.F. Moseley, RTR and Miss A.J. Pilkington
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Moseley, Royal Tank Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Moseley, of Dawcross, Harrogate, and Annabel Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Pilkington, of Nomey Wood, Easthing, Godalming, Surrey.

Mr D.J. Rae and Miss J.C. Boreham
The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Mrs Alexandrina Rae, of Comiston Drive, Edinburgh, and of the late Mr James Muir Rae, and Jane Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Boreham, of The Old Rectory, Sutton, West Sussex.

Mr D.A. Rees and Miss H.V.V. Martin
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs H.M. Rees, of Newport, Gwent, and Helen, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs H.V. Martin, of Taverham, Norwich.

Mr P.M. Siese and Miss E.M. Turner Bridger
The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Siese, of Wimbledon, and Emma, daughter of Mr Michael Turner Bridger and the late Patricia Turner Bridger, and stepdaughter of Mrs Michael Turner Bridger, of Odiham, Lancashire.

Mr J.R. Sykes and Miss P.M. Morris
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs B.H.C. Sykes, of Conock Manor, Devizes, Wiltshire, and Pamela, daughter of the late Mostyn Morris and of Mrs Betty Morris, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Marriages

The Hon Arthur Hazlerigg and Miss L. Dugdale
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Merevale, Warwickshire, of the Hon Arthur Hazlerigg, son of Lord Hazlerigg and the late Lady Hazlerigg, and Miss Laura Dugdale, eldest daughter of Sir William Dugdale and the late Lady Belinda Dugdale. The Rev S. Marriott officiated, assisted by Canon Peter Buckler.

Mr J. Syson and Mrs C. Hunt
The marriage took place on Friday, February 21, at Westminster Council House, of Mr John Syson and Mrs Christina Hunt.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Brian Barder to be ambassador to Poland in succession to Mr J.A.L. Morgan.

Mr Adrian Barnes to be Remembrancer for the Corporation of London in succession to Mr Anthony Howlett who has retired.

Bryanston School

Bryanston School has awarded the following scholarships:
Junior Music: Rachel Birkin, Commonweal Comprehensive, Swindon; James Carrington, Salisbury Cathedral School, Wiltshire; Neil Davies, St Osmund's, Dorchester; Bridget O'Driscoll, Beech Hall, Macclesfield.
Sixth Form: Sarah Adams, Dr Challoner's High School; Lisa Browning, St Mary's Convent, Shaftesbury; Raymond Hampton, Fricker's Academy; Apricot Hulse, Oxford High School.

Sherborne School for Girls

ACADEMIC AWARDS
First Scholarship: Emma McClintock (West Downs, Winchester); Second Scholarship: Catherine Hatt-Cook (Leaden Hall, Salisbury); Third Scholarship: Lucia Nichol (St Christopher's, Burnham-on-Sea), Samantha Wilson (The Hampshire School, SW7).
MUSIC AWARDS
First Scholarship: Jemma Rees (Bruton Primary School, Somerset); Second Scholarship: Gemma Townley (Sherborne School for Girls); Third Scholarship: Caroline Birch (James Allen's Girls' School, SE22).

The Leys School

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION 1986
Music Scholarship: Mark R. Dawes (St Faith's School, Cambridge).
Music Exhibitions: James R. Boyle (King's College School, Cambridge); James H.D. Rokos (King's College School, Cambridge); Oliver J.K. Scott (Brighton College Junior School, Brighton).

Luncheon

Royal Over-Seas League
The High Commissioner for The Bahamas and Mrs Demeritte were entertained at luncheon yesterday at Over-Seas House by Sir David Scott, chairman, and members of the Central Council of the Royal Over-Seas League.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Rifkind, last night were hosts at a reception at Dover House, Whitehall, for parliamentary lobby and gallery correspondents.

Dinner

City University Law Society
The City University Law Society held its annual dinner at the University on Thursday, February 20, 1986. Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Chairman of the Bar Council, was the guest speaker.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Dr John Burton was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday evening at Over-Seas House. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.



Princess Astrid of Belgium and her husband Archduke Lorenz—Este with their son Amedeo who was born at Saint Luc's hospital, Brussels, on Friday.

Sale room

Record £537,790 for bust

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Sculpture and furnishings from one of the famous Loire chateaux produced the sensations at Sotheby's Monaco auction of fine furnishing on Sunday.

A Renaissance bronze bust of a young man sold for 5,550,000 francs (unpublished estimate about 2 million francs) or £537,790 to a European collector. It is the highest price recorded at auction for old, as opposed to modern, sculpture. A Roubiliac bust of Lord Chesterfield sold at Christie's last year for £518,400 is the nearest contender.

The "Young Man" is attributed to Antico, and dated by Sotheby's to the first quarter of the sixteenth century. He is very similar to a series of busts of classical heroes which Antico made for the Gonzaga family. With finely delineated curls and a moustache, his handsome young face is turned to the right; he wears a gilt bronze toga and is supported by a green marble pedestal.

The group of 15 lots sent for sale by the Duc de Talleyrand-Perigord from the Chateau de Valencay attracted fierce bidding on account of the quality of the pieces and their provenance. A bronze bust of the Emperor Caracalla, again with gilded drapery on the shoulders, was attributed to the sixteenth century Venetian school and made 777,000 francs (estimate 280,000—350,000 francs) or £75,290. It was bought by an American private collector. A fine pair of Louis XVI ormolu candelabra secured 577,200 francs (estimated 150,000—200,000 francs) or £55,930; the sale saw several high prices for candelabras.

A microscope believed to have belonged to Madame de Pompadour, Louis XV's mistress, came for sale from a Paris collector and was sold for 843,600 (estimate 400,000—600,000 francs) or £81,744 to a Paris dealer. It was made by Alexis Magny about 1750 with an elegant scrolling ormolu stand and other embellishments.

The sale totalled £2.3m with 25 per cent left unsold. All the Louis XVI furniture sold for particularly high prices; a set of six mahogany armchairs made by Garnier for the Marquis de Marigny in 1778 brought 560,550 francs (estimate 200,000—300,000 francs) or £54,316. Very plain, with caned backs, they reflect the Marquis' admiration for English furniture and are most unusual for the time.

Sotheby's main difficulties lay in finding buyers for middle quality furnishings in the 80,000—100,000 franc bracket. Much remained unsold.



The new director of the Women's Royal Naval Service, Commandant Kelsey Fletcher, aged 53, who took up her appointment this month.

University news

Oxford

Appointments

University lectureships
Anthropology: Miss A Kelly, BSc (Reading), ScD, FRS; supernumerary fellowship under title G from May 29, 1988; M J Allen, MA, director of extra-mural studies; overseas fellowships under title G from 1988: Dr J C Arrow, MA, PhD, (Columbia), Joan Kenney, professor of economics, Stanford University; P M Echenique, PhD, former professor of solid state physics, University of Barcelona; O Gingerich, MA, PhD, (Harvard), professor of astronomy and of the history of science, Harvard University; J P Greene, MA, (Indiana and Oxford), PhD, (Duke); Andrew W Mellon, Professor of American history, Johns Hopkins University; R J Kirkpatrick, PhD, (Illinois), professor of geology, University of Illinois; D B Kitchen, MS, (Minnesota), PhD, professor of mechanical engineering, University of Minnesota; D N C Lin, BS, (McGill), PhD, professor of astronomy, University of California, Santa Cruz; P N Pettit, MQ, (National University of Ireland), PhD, (Queen's University, Belfast), MA, professorial fellow, Research School of Social Sciences, the Australian National University.

Corpus Christi College
Schoolmaster fellow commonerships for 1986-87: Michaelmas Term 1986: R J Merrett, BEd, (Reading), deputy head, Crown Woods School, Eltham; Lent Term 1987: R E Webb, BEd (Hons), MPhil, (London), head of English, St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls, Tulse Hill; Easter Term 1987: D C Morgan, MMus, (Wales), lecturer in music, Norwich City College.

Downing College
Honorary fellowship: Dame Janet Baker; fellowships: I B Topping, domestic bursar of the college; research fellowship: S B Gaunt, BA, (Warwick); associate fellowship: P D James.

Emmanuel College
Professorial fellowship from July 1: J H Coates, PhD, BSc, (Australian National University), FRS, former fellow of the college, on his election into the Sadleirian professorship of pure mathematics; research fellowships for three years from October 1: N J Spivey, BA, a former scholar of the college and C I Bindon, BA, of Wolfson College.

Fitzwilliam College
Fellowship in class A from October 1: H M Mills, BA, tutor at Exeter University; instrumental award for 1985-86: S E Cohen, Hampstead Comp, London.

Jesus College
Fellowships in class IV for three years from October 1: N Greeves, BA, of Jesus College, S R Milleken, BMUS, (Glasgow), MPhil, of Churchill College. S J C Taylor, BA, of Peterhouse.

Lucy Cavendish College
Vice-President from January 1: Mrs M Lawrence, MA, PhD.

Wyndham College
Official fellowship from January 1: C Y Barlow, MA, PhD, on appointment as lecturer in M Riddy, DPhil, (department of zoology, Oxford University), of New College, Oxford, D J Gee, BSc, (Sussex), PhD, (Bristol), D G J Shipley, DPhil, (Balliol College, Oxford), of Wadham College, Oxford, for research in ancient history; and G L Thomas, BSC, (department of biochemistry), of Darwin College, for research in biochemistry.

Visiting fellow commonerships for 1986-87: O O G MacDonagh, PhD, (St Catharine's College), Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University (Michaelmas Term); M E Lacerra, PhD, department of literature, University of Pais Vasco, Spain (Lent Term); choral scholarships from October 1: S C Banister, St Paul's Girl School; R D C Downes, King's School, Canterbury; C L Soulsby, Hatfield School.

Sidney Sussex College
Fellowship in class A and a college lectureship in mathematics from October 1: M A Hennings, DPhil, (Oxford).

Southampton

Promotions

Personal professorships: Dr C B Chapman (management science); Dr D J Mead (structural dynamics).
Readerships: Dr M Petyt (structural dynamics); Dr K J Ross (physics).

Appointments

Dr C J S Clarke, senior lecturer in mathematics at York University to a chair of applied mathematics.
Dr N R Saunders, reader in physiology at University College London, to the chair of physiology.
Dr S A Thorpe, senior principal officer at the Institute of Oceanographic Services at Godalming, to a chair of oceanography.

Cambridge

University elections

Mr M Gaster, BSc, PhD, (London), senior principal scientific officer, British Maritime Technology, has been elected into the Francis Mond professorship of aeronautical engineering from May 1.

University appointments

University lecturers: law: B A K Rider, MA, PhD, (Jesus College), LLB, PhD, (London), from October 1; three years: social and political sciences - social psychology (assigned to the department of experimental psychology): D A Gallo, PhD, (Corpus Christi College), BA, (Sussex), from October 1 for three years; French: P J Collier, MA, (Sidney Sussex College), BA, PhD, (London), from October 1, for three years; geography: Mrs S E Owens, MA, (Newnham College), BSc, PhD, (East Anglia), from October 1 for three years; history: R P Tombs, MA, PhD, (St John's College), from October 1 for three years.

Awards

Raymond Horton-Smith prize, 1984-85: R J Harvie, MD, St John's College; Ralph Noble Prize, 1984-85: M Hendry, MD, Trinity Hall; George Peter Baker prize in medicine: S L Taylor, BA, B Chir, Sidney Sussex College; Lewin prize in surgery, 1985: C R G Cohen, BA, B Chir, Trinity College.
Members' classical reading prizes 1985-86 in Latin and Greek: D C N Barker, Corpus Christi College; T H Middleton prize, 1985: A F V Gratiger, Wolfson College; Clive Parry international law prize Fund: a prize to N Ziadie, LLM, Hughes Hall; Marmaduke Shield scholarship 1985-86: A Dinman, Gonville and Caius College; Rebecca Flower Soulre scholarship: S J Whitbourn, Peterhouse.

College elections

Christ's College
Pre-elected into a fellowship in class IV for one year from October 1: Bernard Baltyn, PhD, (Harvard); elected into a junior research fellowship from March 4: D M Pick, BA; pre-elected into a junior research fellowship from October 1: J J Halliwell, BA, (Bristol).

Churchill College
Fellowships under title A from October 1988: M J Gregory, BSC, (Southampton), MA, college lecturer and director of studies in production engineering, university lecturer in the department of engineering and J R Norris, BA, DPhil, (Oxford), college lecturer in mathematics; fellowship under title A from October 1: R C Stapleton, BA, PhD, (Sheffield), Dee Corporation college lecturer in management science; junior research fellowships under title B from October 1, 1986: A M Brandenburger, BA, MPhil, T L Carpenter, BA, (Oxford), MMus, (London), N F J Inglis, BA, M E Vaughan, BA, (Kent), PhD, (London).

Professorial fellowship under title C from October 1, 1985: C M Correa, BArch, (Michigan), MArch (MIT), visiting professor 1985-86; fellowship under title E from October 1, 1985: A Kelly, BSc, (Reading), ScD, FRS; supernumerary fellowship under title G from May 29, 1988: M J Allen, MA, director of extra-mural studies; overseas fellowships under title G from 1988: Dr J C Arrow, MA, PhD, (Columbia), Joan Kenney, professor of economics, Stanford University; P M Echenique, PhD, former professor of solid state physics, University of Barcelona; O Gingerich, MA, PhD, (Harvard), professor of astronomy and of the history of science, Harvard University; J P Greene, MA, (Indiana and Oxford), PhD, (Duke); Andrew W Mellon, Professor of American history, Johns Hopkins University; R J Kirkpatrick, PhD, (Illinois), professor of geology, University of Illinois; D B Kitchen, MS, (Minnesota), PhD, professor of mechanical engineering, University of Minnesota; D N C Lin, BS, (McGill), PhD, professor of astronomy, University of California, Santa Cruz; P N Pettit, MQ, (National University of Ireland), PhD, (Queen's University, Belfast), MA, professorial fellow, Research School of Social Sciences, the Australian National University.

Gonville and Caius College
Fellowships under title A from October 1988: M J Gregory, BSC, (Southampton), MA, college lecturer and director of studies in production engineering, university lecturer in the department of engineering and J R Norris, BA, DPhil, (Oxford), college lecturer in mathematics; fellowship under title A from October 1: R C Stapleton, BA, PhD, (Sheffield), Dee Corporation college lecturer in management science; junior research fellowships under title B from October 1, 1986: A M Brandenburger, BA, MPhil, T L Carpenter, BA, (Oxford), MMus, (London), N F J Inglis, BA, M E Vaughan, BA, (Kent), PhD, (London).

Science report

Russian dolls' safety answer for nuclear plant

By Alfred Browne

A special nuclear power plant, now nearing completion, has been designed to replace a conventional district heating station in the industrial town of Gorky, in middle Russia. It is just over a mile outside the town limits, compared with the 15 miles minimum distance Soviet regulations demand for nuclear power stations.

It has been placed so close to cut down on costs of trunk pipelines to carry heating water to the town's homes, offices and factories. But this has meant stringent safety precautions to meet the consequent hundredfold increase in the effect of an accident on the nearest buildings.

Scientists found the answer in the familiar Matryoshka toy, the series of dolls fitting one inside the next. The reactor chosen is the shell type, rather than the tube reactors more commonly used in the latest Russian power stations. The shell itself provides some protection. Outside that comes the reactor's safety vessel and reactor and all ancillary equipment ishoused in a concrete protective envelope said to be able to survive the impact of a plane crashing on it.

As a safeguard against the escape of radioactivity into heating water three circuits are employed. The reactor itself uses water to transfer heat from its uranium oxide fuel to a primary exchanger, which in turn feeds another circuit. All of them are housed entirely within the safety vessel. There are three sets of heat exchanger circuits. Pressure differences between the circuits should prevent any leakage of radioactive products. If any trace of radioactivity was detected in any circuit it would be automatically switched out of action. The remaining two would be sufficient to keep the system working near normally.

Should a leak occur within the reactor, fuel elements would be flooded and heat would continue to be drawn off for up to a week. The reactor itself is "de-tuned" to operate at 150C, the same temperature used in conventional heat supply plants. One advantage of this is that no pumps are required, removing a further risk of a breakdown. Heat is transferred by convection.

As winter visitors to the Soviet Union cannot help but notice, one aspect of life in which the Russians may claim to have surpassed even the Americans is the warmth inside their buildings. Just over a third of all organic fuel production is used in generating low-grade heat for buildings and for hot water supplies.

Nuclear stations should cut this considerably. Though down-rated Gorky's station will produce 1000 megawatts of heat, enough for its 400,000 population, saving 700,000 tonnes of fuel a year. No less important, according to Soviet ecologists, will be the cleaner air over this industrial town, with the closing of its 300 boiler houses at present burning oil and coal.

A second nuclear heat station is being built at the similarly sized town of Voronezh. Bigger nuclear combined heat and power stations are being built at Odessa and Minsk, at more normal distances from the towns, construction is due to start this year on a third heat and power station at Kharkov and, in 1987, on a fourth at Volgograd.

CHRISTIE'S WEEK IN VIEW

A selection from our 19 sales in London this week.

Postage Stamps of the British Empire: Wednesday 25 February at 11 a.m., King Street: Part of a dealer's stock covering the period of 1863-1935 with many blocks and individual rarities, a number of which came from various Colonial Post Offices. There are many lots with appeal to the specialist collector, while all will attract the active dealer.

Fine English Furniture: Thursday 27 February at 11 a.m., King Street: A fine collection of good quality English furniture including a selection of pieces belonging to the late Sir Charles Clore. Particularly attractive are a pair of George III mahogany dining room urns and pedestals and a pair of early Victorian papier mâché chairs.

English Pictures: Friday 28 February at 10.30 a.m., King Street: A most attractive collection of pictures with a wide scope for the discerning buyer. Portraits form a large part of this sale with works by Thomas Wollaston, Thomas Hudson and Godfrey Kneller. There is a delightful selection of genre paintings; also well represented are maritime scenes including a Thomas Whitcombe of an East Indiaman off the Downs, possibly the Pheonix which sailed for Calcutta in February 1788.

The Meinertzhagen Collection of Fulda Porcelain: Monday 3 March at 11 a.m., King Street: Founded in 1765 the Fulda factory was one of the most charming of the numerous to spring up in Germany in the 18th century. Although there are examples of the factory's products in most major museums this is the largest single collection outside Germany. Formed by the present owners over the last 30 years, the collection covers wares, figures and groups, sale of 54 lots is estimated to total about £150,000

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Birthdays today

Mr John Arlott, 72; Mr Anthony Burgess, 69; Mr Tom Courtenay, 49; Sir Antony Duff, 66; Mr Nicholas Edwards, MP, 52; Mr George Harrison, 43; Mr Harvey McGregor, QC, 60; Sir Alan Marre, 72; Lord Justice Parker, 63; Mr David Puttnam, 45; the Right Rev Dr J.A. Ramshotham, 80; Sir Henry T. Smith, 81; Sir Ian Wallace, 70; Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson, 58.

County bridge

The joint county of Hampshire and Isle of Wight won the final of the English Bridge Union's County Teams of Eight Championship for the first time when the five area winners met at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham over the weekend. Somerset was second.

Results: 1 Hants and Isle of Wight, D Huggett, S Preston, R Hyde, D Bird, R S Brock, J F Pottage, J Burkeman, G Smith; Score, 84; 2 Somerset, D Carlisle, R Coates, S W Thomas, Miss S G Dowling, G Hartley, S Pepham, M Smith; Mrs J Preddy, 48; 3 Sussex, 42; 4 Leicestershire, 36; 5 Surrey, 21.

OBITUARY

PROF JOHN COCKING

Leading British authority on Proust

Professor John Cocking, who died on January 27 at the age of 71, after a long illness borne with admirable courage, was one of the most distinguished scholars and teachers of French of his generation.

Born on November 9, 1914 John Martin Cocking was educated in his native Cornwall and at King's College London, where he was taught by, among others, the truculent Australian authority on Baudelaire and Mallarmé, Randolph Hughes.

He moved to the Sorbonne and the British Institute in Paris, where he was assistant to the Director, Granville-Barker and, as President of the British Institute Club, gave a memorable performance as Professor Higgins in Shaw's *Pygmalion*. (He retained to the end a remarkable gift for mimicry, taking off to the life the idiosyncratic, pretentious or pompous).

All his teaching career in England was at King's, where he was assistant lecturer in French from 1939 to 1946 (including five years' absence on war service in the Army), and was elected to the chair of French language and literature in 1952, a post he filled with distinction until his retirement in July 1975.

Meanwhile he held appointments as visiting lecturer in the University of Ghana, visiting professor in the University of Western Australia, George A. Miller lecturer in the University of Illinois, and visiting professor at Madison, Wisconsin; he also taught at Princeton and Harvard. He was in wide demand as external examiner for undergraduate and higher degrees, and as a public lecturer.

Cocking was universally recognized as the leading British authority on Proust, to whom he devoted a book first published in 1956 in the Bowes and Bowes series of *Studies in Modern European Literature and Thought*, and, in a revised and greatly enlarged edition, by the Cambridge University Press in 1982.

His uncollected articles range widely as did his lectures, both academic and public, covering drama from the Renaissance to the present day, and literature in the past 400 years. The talks he contributed to the Third Programme, and to other BBC services, on Mallarmé, Malraux, Proust, Sartre, Camus and others, have remained in the memory of many of his listeners as of quite exceptional quality. Both articles and talks should now be collected, as he himself planned.

He was constantly called on as a reviewer, not only for specialist journals such as *French Studies* (to which he contributed extensively), but also to *The Listener*, the *London Magazine* and, above all, to *The Times Literary Supplement*, both before and after the lifting of the veil of anonymity.

Perceptive readers had already pierced this veil in the presence of his incisive wit and elegance of style. But all rejoiced when his more recent, exemplary reviews, notably the outstanding series on the letters of Proust and of Mallarmé (in themselves an original contribution by their penetrating insights), were publicly credited to him.

He built up in King's a fine department, much admired by visitors from abroad as by his colleagues in Britain. He was ably supported by his wife, Becky (nee May Parsons Wallis), whom he married in 1941; the warmth of their welcome was deeply and widely appreciated.

In the department he was specially remembered for what one colleague aptly called his "formidable fairness": he firmly supported those with whose views he strongly disagreed no less than those of like mind to his own. Another colleague spoke for many in stressing his total integrity. In 1973, the French Republic recognized his services by naming him Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite.

He spent the first years of retirement (as Leverhulme emeritus research fellow, 1975-1977) at Ludgvan in his beloved Cornwall, working on a long-cherished project: a study of the imagination throughout the ages, aspects of which he treated in lectures and articles, and which he was revising in his last year.

In 1980, he had moved to Cambridge, partly for health reasons, partly in quest of the intellectual resources of a university city and of the stimulus of an ever-growing circle of friends and colleagues. These found their own lives greatly enriched by the friendship and company they found in John and Becky, whosurvives him. They had one son.

BERTRAND FABI

Bertrand Fabi, who died on February 22 of injuries received the previous day while testing a Formula 3 car at Goodwood, was considered to be the most promising French-Canadian racing driver since the late Gilles Villeneuve.

Only last month he was presented with a Grovewood Award as one of the brightest British and Commonwealth prospects to have emerged from the 1985 season when, concentrating on Formula Ford 2000, he won both the British and European championships.

This dual success was to have led this year to a season of Formula 3 racing with the West Surrey Racing team.

Parental opposition to a driving career had prevented him from racing until 1983, when he was 21, but he then quickly demonstrated his potential by winning eleven of his first sixteen Formula Ford races.



In 1984 he became Canadian Formula Ford 2000 champion, then he came across to Britain after he had taken a leaf out of Niki Lauda's book by persuading his bank manager to advance the finance for progressing his racing career. Fabi lived in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

MR C. GRAHAM-DIXON

Mr Charles Graham-Dixon, QC, who died on February 13 at the age of 84, was one of the leading revenue specialists in practice at the Bar until his retirement in 1956.

Educated at Merchant Taylors' School and St John's College, Oxford, he was called to the Bar in 1925. With the encouragement of his father, who reached the top of the Inland Revenue as a career civil servant, he soon saw the unrealized potential of the revenue Bar, then restricted to two or three sets of chambers.

Unable to find a seat in tax chambers, he coached pupils for the Bar exams, and waited for an opportunity. In fact the teaching took over, and for the next 10 years he became acknowledged as the best Bar tutor of his time. Many of these pupils were destined to be leading members of the judiciary and Bar in Britain and the Commonwealth.

His wife, Dorothy, whom he married in 1926, was a professional pianist, but at this time her skills as a typist of lecture notes were more in point.

In due course he joined the tax chambers of Raymond Needham, KC, and quickly developed a busy revenue practice, to which his teaching activities had to give way.

He took silk in 1950 and succeeded Terence (later Lord) Donovan as head of chambers. Until retiring in 1956 he took part in many of the leading cases of the day, while advising a broad and colourful spectrum of clients, ranging from commerce and industry to literature and the world of entertainment. He was for many years a trusted adviser and friend of Sir Winston Churchill.

On leaving the Bar he took up board appointments with a number of companies engaged in shipping and other fields, including Shell Tanker Finance, John Holt, Westminster Dredging and Shipping Industrial Holdings. The extensive travelling that this involved was a welcome change from the tax Bar.

His long association with the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School (now amalgamated with Westminster Medical School) began when he joined the council in 1963. He was elected chairman 10 years later.

A generous benefactor, he established a trust to promote research in cardio-vascular medicine and surgery, endowed prizes in that field in medicine, surgery and nursing and, with his wife, set up a fund to support the school library.

On his retirement from the council in 1981, he was immediately appointed president, a tribute to the regard in which he was held by staff and students. He was also a loyal and generous friend of Charing Cross Hospital being president of the League of Friends.

Connoisseur as he was of fine furniture, paintings and music, his other voluntary work as council member and senior vice-president of the Royal Albert Hall, kept him in touch with cultural affairs.

He was concerned to revive the high Victorian ideals of the hall's constitution and to that end promoted one of its original uses as a picture gallery, lending his own collection of Dutch paintings for an exhibition there last autumn.

His wife died in 1979 and he is survived by his two sons.

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THE ARTS

Television

Sadistic society

In some flip sleeve-notes for the *Beyond the Fridge* LP we are told that Jonathan Miller "dislikes spinach and is frightened by the idea of being tortured for information which he never had in the first place". It is the kind of half-humorous, half-horrifying admission characteristic of Dr Miller and, last night, in Channel 4's *Survive: Torture and Interrogation*, we were soberingly confronted by the real thing.

Maria, a South American fine arts lecturer, was subjected to ten days of excruciating electrical torment to make her reveal information she never possessed. The Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky spent 18½ years in psychiatric institutions, allegedly insane, but actually refusing all inducements to conform to his country's required ideological pattern. In Vietnam a captured US Special Forces officer called Nick Rowe was subjected to five years of old-fashioned sadism in an ultimately fruitless bid to persuade him to give names and information.

All three prisoners faced a comparable cycle of punishment and reward, pain and special pleading, real brutality and bogus, tantalizing sympathy. Each spoke of the futility of feigning bravery, of the importance of keeping a corner of one's mind free from the otherwise wholesale invasion of pain and terror, of accepting the possibility of death, of some rather clinical and detached understanding of what was being done to them.

Torture is, of course, simply one of the nastier and more squalid manifestations of that basic intollerance which seems genetically *built into* the human race. We find the instinct in every school playground, although not, one hopes, the refined, self-justifying extremity. Until recently, the greatest experts in anatomy and medical science were professional interrogators, not doctors. The desire to hurt was more practical and effective than the *desire to heal*. And, if the torturers themselves are perverts and sadists, we must remember that they are, in a sense, the elected representatives of the larger ideologies which produce them.

Andrew Rissik

Four years ago **Michael Rudman** left his job at the National Theatre; but all is forgiven and tonight he returns, directing *Brighton Beach Memoirs*: interview by Sheridan Morley

Lure of the perfect song to sing

Brighton Beach Memoirs, Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical account of his teenage family life, described in Saturday's *Times*, brings the most commercially successful of all Broadway dramatists to the National Theatre for the first time tonight. It also brings back to the National the American-born director Michael Rudman, who spent the late Seventies and early Eighties there as an NT associate in charge of the Lyttelton stage. There is indeed a certain irony in that his return, after four years principally spent marrying Felicity Kendal and directing Dustin Hoffman in the Broadway *Death of a Salesman* and Richard Harris in the rather less successful London *Camelot*, now coincides with the announcement that Rudman's old Oxford and Hampstead partner David Aukin is to join the National in September as executive director, a job which puts him in precisely the same line of succession from which Rudman abruptly departed in 1982.

At least, the certain irony is there if you happen to be observing the situation from the outside with no more than a casual interest in how the National plays its power games; if you happen to be Rudman, there would seem to be nothing but cautious delight at Aukin's move to the South Bank:

"As soon as I heard the news I sent David a bunch of roses saying congratulations and I hope he doesn't find the thorns. I spent three years on the staff here and I'm very glad to be back with this new play. I wasn't fired, and I didn't quit exactly. What happened was that Peter Hall changed the system, from one of directors of stages to one of directors of companies. I didn't want to run a group, I wanted to run a stage: that was what I had always done at Hampstead and before that at the Traverse. Instead, I found I was spending more and more of my time on committees and it seemed time for a change. I think we were both right: Peter was right to change the system, and I was right to leave. But part of the arrangement was that I'd return to direct if I could find the right play, and as soon as I saw *Brighton Beach Memoirs* on Broadway I knew it was the one I wanted to do."

At that time Rudman was working there on the Dustin Hoffman *Salesman*, and I wondered if perhaps he had seen in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* a lighter reflection of that same world. "A lot of Neil Simon's best-known plays are about two people talking, whether it's the *Sunshine Boys* or the *Odd Couple*; here you have a play about a family and about a country. It's one of those rare occasions where a playwright has found the perfect song to sing: only Simon could have written this play, because so much of it is only really about him growing up. That was the first reason I wanted to do it; the second was that I couldn't get into a matinée after it had been on Broadway for two years. It's the little things like that which give you a hint about possible success."

As an American who has worked almost exclusively in the English theatre since he left Oxford in 1964, Rudman might also be thought to have a certain advantage in directing Simon:

"Not necessarily: Texas is a long way from Brighton Beach. I think any English director who had done a David Storey play could do this one. Besides which, I no longer really think of myself as Texan or indeed American: when I was working on the Broadway *Death of a Salesman* the cast there would solemnly take me out to coffee bars and tell me what it meant to be American, and I guess it was around then I thought perhaps I didn't have a country of my own any more."

Apart from an introduction to marriage and the life of a freelance director on both sides of the Atlantic, these last four non-National years have also seen another change in Rudman's activities:

"When I came to the National David Aukin took over from me at Hampstead, and for his fortieth birthday I sent him just what he had always wanted, the first act of a new play by an unknown author. Me. He rang to ask how soon he could have Act II and I told him about twenty minutes: Tom Stoppard taught me that: always send the first act round first and alone. It arouses curiosity if nothing else. Anyway David liked *Short List* enough to stage it. *Some* of the critics also liked it very much."

At this point there develops an extremely long pause in the interview. Mr Rudman and I (and indeed Mr Aukin) started out together some 26 years ago as students in college productions of which Mr Rudman was usually the director. Since that time I have had occasion to review Mr Rudman's work on what I would guess to be several dozen first nights. I would estimate that somewhere between 70 and 80 per cent of those reviews have been essentially favourable.

Of them, neither Mr Rudman nor I seem to recall a great deal. What however he can recall, with alarming accuracy, is a blow-by-blow account of every even remotely uncharitable paragraph I have ever written about him, and *Short List* was apparently in this latter grouping. But what makes this total recall so deeply unnerving, indeed almost Pinteresque, is that Mr Rudman does not appear to be actually challenging the reviews, or the right to have printed them. He merely quotes them back at you, verbatim, and then waits for you to say something. I have taken now to commenting at these junctures on the weather and the cut of his suits, which would seem to be getting sharper with middle age.

No sooner had he turned playwright than the offer of *Camelot* came along: "That was a very confusing experience, especially for Richard Harris who had done the show four hundred times on the road in America and understandably saw no reason to change it for London. What made it all much worse was that Harris had never really rehearsed the show with a director, even in America: he had just stepped in on the road for an ailing Richard Burton, taught himself to do it and then gone on doing it. So to have someone suddenly tell him how to do it thoroughly suprised him. He did however remain very amiable, at least until we got the reviews and no houses. After that he started demanding cuts. I began to feel like the Duke of York, marching four hundred chorus boys up to the top of different hills and then down again every night to no apparent purpose."

So, within a year of leaving the National, Rudman had written a play, got re-married and directed his first Broadway musical. He had also started to audition American actors for the Broadway *Death of a Salesman*:

"Welcome to my honeymoon, I told them, but nothing seems to surprise people any more. Least of all me. When I first went to talk to Dustin about Willy Loman he was wearing pearls and a cocktail dress, because *Tootsie* was being filmed and he liked to stay in character. I'd already done the Miller play with two very funny men, John Neville at Nottingham and Warren Mitchell at the National, and Hoffman is in that comic tradition which is so valuable for Willy Loman. What's more, all the cast had also done the play before somewhere, so it was like a homecoming. You only have to announce Dustin Hoffman on Broadway and they queue all night: he's almost like a pop star, but theatregoers aren't dumb: they've grown with *him* across a lot of very good movies and they just know he can deliver in a way that most film stars actually can't."

Though there are plans for another West End play after *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (he has *The Dragon's Tail* still at the Apollo with Penelope Keith) it is clear that Rudman has not yet totally adjusted to the freelance life: "I had three and a half years at Nottingham, three at the Traverse, five at Hampstead, three at the Lyttelton. I like a base. If you're freelance, it is that much harder to choose a line of work. On the other hand, the joy of working here at the National without having to go to all those meetings is tremendous."



Photograph of Michael Rudman by Chris Harris

● David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*, which has won a number of awards including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Society of West End Theatres' Best Play of the Year for 1983, transferred to the Mermaid Theatre last night. It was previously seen at the National Theatre. Then as now it was directed by Bill Bryden.

Opera

Festive Rossini

Otello
La Fenice, Venice

Carnival time in Venice: an excuse to dress up on both sides of the curtain, and a chance to see a different Venice — the Venice of Rossini's *Otello*. Unlike the Verdi opera written more than half a century later, the work of the 24-year-old Rossini takes place entirely in the lagoon city, and it quickly becomes clear how little he knew or cared for Shakespeare. Indeed, as one Rossini expert has pointed out, the opera that was effectively killed off by Verdi's *Otello* would have done better if the three most famous characters had been given names like Riccardo, Argiria and Faliero instead of Otello, Desdemona and Iago.

In recent years the Rossini adaptation has shown sighns of stirring from its grave — both Camden and Wexford have seen it, though not yet Pesaro. The musical invention is of patchy quality, depending for the most part on the usual mixture of Rossinian *fretta* and a prodigious display of *vocalità*.

If you can accept these terms, and banish Verdi from your mind, then Rossini's *Otello* is in business, especially if it has Jean-Pierre Ponnelle and Roderick Brydon as its advocates. In their hands, indeed, the work comes brilliantly to life. Ponnelle is quick to point out that Rossini is dealing not in tragedy but in melodrama — at least in Acts I and II, and certainly in the jocular overture.

Here and in the first scene we are treated to the sight of an early 19th-century steamship model puffing its way across the stage, as the victorious Moor sails home to boast of his triumphs, receive the polite applause of the Venetian court and claim the hand of Desdemona.

The setting is inspired by the Venetian masts, mainsails and architectural motifs of Rossini's lifetime, all of which act as a platform for the clearly-drawn symmetry of Ponnelle's stagecraft. The brilliant whiteness and simplicity of the décor are, after all, only a reflection of the drama, in which Rossini has succeeded in laundering out all credible or profound human feeling.

Only in the third act, in which Rossini's librettist suddenly reverts to Shakespeare and the composer himself casts the spell of tragedy in the gondolier's song, does Ponnelle's judgement momentarily lapse: Otello, like some spoilt boy, treads the rumpled sheets of Desdemona's bed to regale the audience with his fury.

Or perhaps Ponnelle is telling us that this never could be the tragic hero we think we should be seeing. Rossini's Moor is just one of three suitors for Desdemona, and does not meet her alone on stage until the death scene. In the first two acts he is pure bluster, a characteristic occasionally apparent in Curtis Rayam's singing. The voice needs sharper focus, though with his tubby figure Rayam at least captures the mock-martial heroics of the character. He has two other tenors as rivals, one of whom — the Rodrigo of Raul Gimenez — is a cut above most other Rossini tenors to be heard today. His Act II aria was the best of the evening.

But it is in the duets and trios that this opera's greatest musical rewards are to found. The Act I duet for Iago and Rodrigo is a case in point, capped only by that for Desdemona and Emilia in the next scene and the trio with Desdemona's father Elmiro. Nucci Condo was luxury casting as Emilia; she sings more tenderly than ever. June Anderson as Desdemona packs considerable grace and conviction into her portrayal — especially in the Willow Song, the lyre pressed obsessively to her ear telling us that the plaintive harp accompaniment exists in the heroine's mind alone.

Covent Garden will shortly discover Miss Anderson's talents in *Semiramide*. It is certainly a fine singing voice, agile and even, but I find it lacks special personality.

From the pit, Brydon was inspiring his cast and orchestra to enjoy themselves. The accompaniments were dynamic, even boisterous, though Brydon remains the model thratre conductor by his very discretion and sensibility to the stage. It is a pleasure to observe the flowering of his career internationally; and it would be an even greater pleasure if this staging were to have a life beyond the meagre run of performances scheduled for Venice and Paris. Rossini's *Otello* is really a festival opera, and it is played in this production to festival standard; the King's, Edinburgh, would be the ideal theatre to house it.

Andrew Clark

Galleries

All prepared for the swings of fashion

Forty Years of Modern Art 1945-1985
Tate

Often the most improvised shows can be the most revealing. *Forty Years of Modern Art*, at the Tate until April 27, was not quite thought up yesterday. But, by the time it became evident that the new Clore galleries would not be open now, as had been hoped, it was much too late to get together a major loan exhibition to fill the hiatus in the Tate's programmes. Instead it was decided to mount a show entirely from stock which would at once constitute a sort of tribute to Ronald Alley, Keeper of the Modern Collection, on his retirement and provide a sort of conspectus of art of the postwar years, as reflected in the Tate's acquisitions under Mr Alley.

In fairness to modern art, it is necessary to remember that one gallery's acquisitions, even if shown *in toto*, could never hope to be comprehensive and ideally balanced. In fairness to the Tate, it is necessary to remember that this, anyway, is only one man's selection, though the selection of a very influential one.

Still, it is revealing to get some general notion of what the Tate has from these difficult years, and especially what it has hidden away. Many will no doubt be astonished at what a good showing the Tate's holding of classic American Abstract Expressionist painting makes. We know there is that extraordinary Rothko installation of nine canvases (a pity that this show allows for only seven of them), but it is still unexpected what good examples of the other major figures are present, with perhaps only a really important mature Pollock needed to clinch the effect. While it is natural that a British collection of modern art would have a fair representation of Fifties "kitchen-sink" realism, it says much for the taste of the time that the Tate acquired such superior examples of the genre as John Bratby's *Window, Self-Portrait, Jean and Hands* (1957, acquired the same year) and Jack Smith's intense, muted *Mother Bathing Child*, not to mention a really good (one of the few, some might say) contemporary "social" Guttusos, *The Discussion* (1959-60).

Similar surprises come up with very different kinds of painting a couple of rooms on. Just fancy the Tate having (long unhung in most cases) prime examples of such French favourites of the Fifties as the lyrical abstractionists and tachistes Manessier, Soulages, Poliakoff, Riopelle and Hartung (if not all exactly French, at least Ecole de Paris), nearly all bought hot off the easel. Probably they should have struck sooner to buy great De Staëls, but they have ended up with three beauties. And this group collectively does give us a yardstick with which to measure later, still controversial acquisitions, like Carl André's notorious *Equivalent VIII* — the "bricks" to you.

Such a national collection has a duty to be representative, and as far as possible avoid censoring anything out of the story just because none of the purchasing body actually likes it. Probably people at the Tate liked Manessier and Riopelle in the Fifties; probably they stopped liking them in the Sixties. But the paintings remained significant of something which had happened and should be recorded. And now they are still there, ready for the moment — maybe now — when people start to like them again.

Putting together such a collection is a conundrum to which there can only be wrong answers — with the added problem that we are seldom qualified to recognize the important errors of commission and omission until it is at least 20 years too late. I may wonder, for instance, why there is a whole room of Dubuffet, since I do not like Dubuffet, but someone else might say the same about Rothko, where I would not dream of questioning. The status of many conceptual works of the Seventies, or of the recently fashionable Penck, Schnabel, Chia and Baselitz, or the more campy photographic work, has still to be determined. We can fairly jib at some of the individual choices made: why this, when for the same money you could have had that, or two of these, or a set of those? But ultimately we never know what is eventually going to gladden us with its presence.

John Russell Taylor



Superior example of the "kitchen-sink" genre: Jack Smith's intense, muted *Mother Bathing Child*

Concerts

LSO/ Shostakovich
Barbican

A fearsomely precise performance of Shostakovich's First Violin Concerto revealed once again the nerveless technical assurance which has made Viktoria Mullova such a hot property since her well-publicized emigration to America two years ago. The stratospheric harmonic which ends the opening movement could not have been faded with a steadier bow; the Scherzo's ever-changing rhythmic emphases were impeccably observed; and the celebrated cadenza bridging Passacaglia and Finale was delivered as an increasingly swift whirl of exactly-tuned double-stoppings.

These were just three instances of Mullova's all-pervasive virtuosity. But equally evident, sadly, was her constricted emotional response to the power at her fingers' command. For all the intrinsic velvety beauty of her tonal quality her interpretation of the Nocturne, for instance, had a grey, impersonal aspect unsuited to the music's intense introspection. A severe platform manner is perfectly acceptable, but in this case one feels that hidden fires do not burn within.

Perhaps, though, it is unfair to judge Mullova by this performance. For any attempt by her to charge the sinuous melodies with a degree of passionate flexibility was doomed to be thwarted by Maxim Shostakovich's unresponsive and rather mediocre conducting. His inability to keep orchestra and soloist together through several straightforward passages in the Passacaglia wreaked havoc on his father's subtle mesh of harmonic tension.

At least the spectacle of Shostakovich junior conducting Shostakovich has curiosity value, whereas his direction of Wagner's *Rienzi* Overture and Mahler's First Symphony seemed fairly bereft of positive qualities. Bombastic gestures, coarse orchestral imbalances, faltering ensemble and a distinct impression that the LSO was guiding its conductor and not vice versa: these were the evening's hallmarks. Shostakovich frequently succeeded in working himself into a frenzy of irrelevant flourishes, but they had no discernible effect on the course of the music.

Richard Morrison

Borodin Quartet
Elizabeth Hall

At the end of the opening concert in their new series of the complete Shostakovich string quartets, the Borodin Quartet were joined on stage by the Fitzwilliam Quartet for a rare performance of Shostakovich's Op 11 Two Pieces for String Octet. The four elder statesmen in their navy lounge suits, face to face with the four in midnight-blue velvet, made a nice sartorial emblem of the occasion and its place in performing history.

When, in the year of Shostakovich's death, the young Fitzwilliam recorded the complete quartets, it was as if a new biography of Shostakovich had been written. Now, just over 10 years later, another recorded tome has just been released, and is being serialized live in seven parts.

Both the Borodin (whose viola and cello, as original members, played each quartet to the composer as it was written) and the Fitzwilliam, who knew Shostakovich in his last years, play, as it were, with his imprimatur. For the Borodin the responsibility, it seems, lies heavy. Their approach to the Third Quartet, quintessential middle-period Shostakovich, was to turn such hard, concentrated light on to the work's own furrowed brow that a dark shadow was cast over their own character and performance.

Interpretative gloss was toned to matt-finish: strictly regulated rubato in the opening double fugue, deceptively cool understatement of Shostakovich's minutely indicated dynamic markings, even an insistence on stubborn ugliness as one voice pushes against another in the laconic waltz and rough-carved adagio.

It is a provocative approach and one which challenges our understanding of the very nature of Shostakovich's tones of voice and their relationship one to another. In the brief simplicity of the First Quartet, too, so fine in its balance, so fragile in its tempo shifts, the Borodin indicated something of the stern demands they will be making during the next month not only of themselves but of their audiences too.

Hilary Finch

Alfred Brendel
Festival Hall

Despite the torrent of coughing that accompanied him (when will audiences heed this tediously recurrent complaint?) Alfred Brendel commemorated the centenary of Liszt's death with a typically superlative recital consisting of the first and second, or Swiss and Italian, *Années de pèlerinage*. True, you might have been able to criticize him for not sticking to the letter of the text in places. He took liberties in the very opening bars of the first piece in the Swiss collection, "Chapelle de Guillaume Tell", for example, balancing the texture firmly in the favour of his right hand and allowing chords to reverberate through rests. But in the face of the searching poetic conviction with which he played both this and the rest of the cycle any such technical arguments are rendered impotent.

He weaves his spells not least through the array of colours he can command. Even in something as apparently innocuous as the quiet rippling accompaniment in "Au Lac de Wallenstadt" each note was invested with infinite care, while the pedalling and weighting of the stormy double octaves in "Orage" was calculated to give a vivid mood-picture without threatening perception of individual pitches.

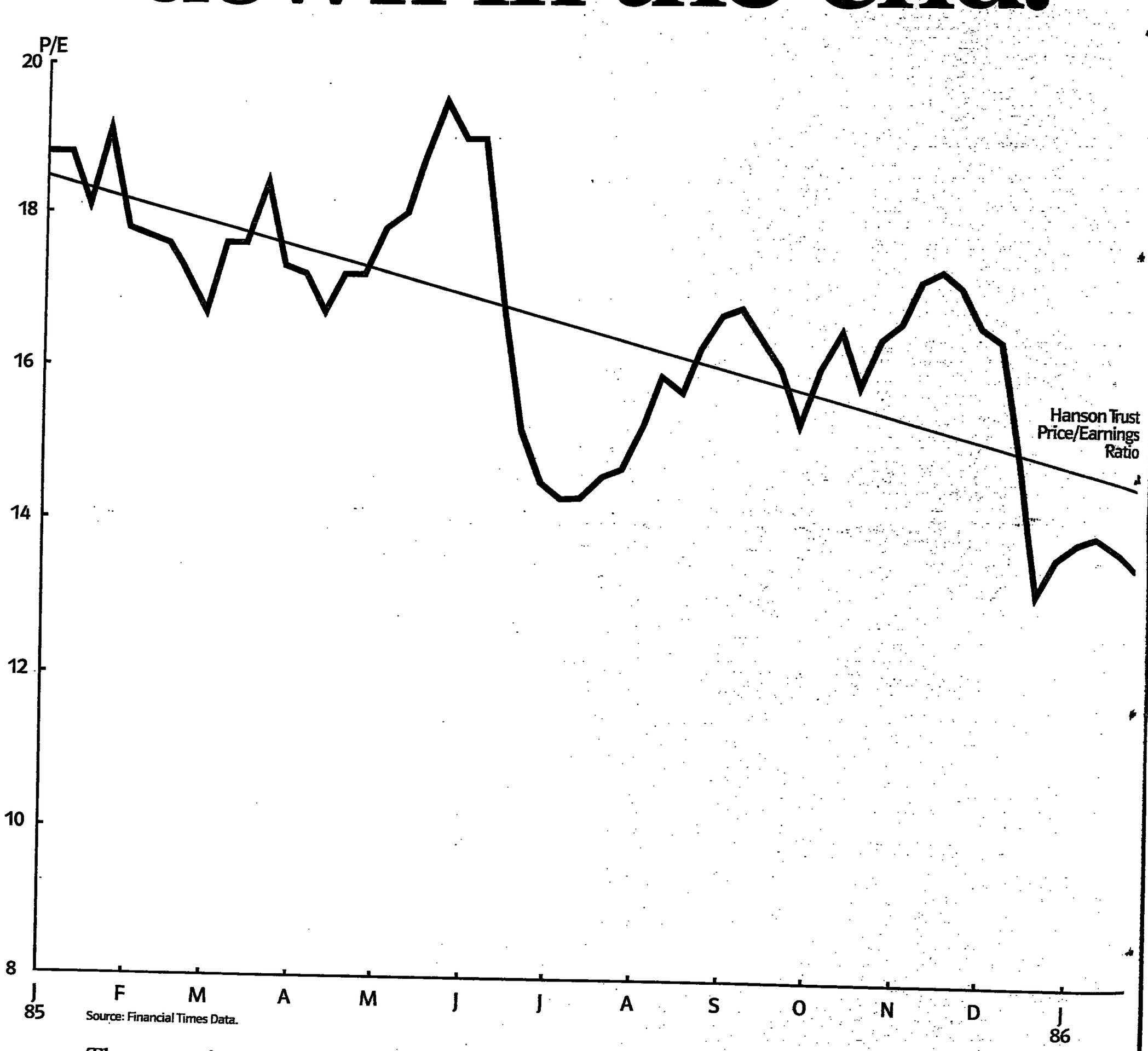
Details in the Italian collection were equally carefully considered. There was abundant gaiety in Brendel's baroque-flavoured double-dotting in the "Canzonetta del Salvator Rosa", for example, while the pensive, world-weary atmosphere of "Il penseroso" was captured perfectly by his enigmatically doleful singing tone, and he conjured an aromatic exoticism in "Sposalizio". It was a pleasant surprise to hear the sprawling "Après Une Lecture de Dante" hold together so well, too, with no trace of panic in its formidable closing pages. But what impressed above all was that both cycles, for all their variety, really seemed like cycles, each a continuous stream of reflections upon external stimuli. How better to illustrate the Romantic ideal?

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Strong pound and rate cut hope send shares soaring

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound and share prices rose strongly yesterday, despite renewed oil price weakness. Money market interest rates edged down and City dealers expect a reduction in base rates close to the Budget next month.

The pound's average value, measured by the sterling index, rose 0.4 to 74.9, continuing its recovery from the winter lows. Most of this was due to sterling's strength against a shaky dollar. The pound gained 1.8 cents to $1.4635.

Its rise, and the prospect of lower base rates helped shares, with strong gains across the board. The FT 30-share index rose 19.2 points to a record close of 1275.2. The wider FT-SE 100 share index rose 15 points to 1533.

Shares were also helped by optimistic reports from the Confederation of British Industry and the London Business School. They said that industry generally, and exports in particular, will benefit from the sharp fall in world oil prices.

Sterling appears to have acquired some immunity to news of lower oil prices. It held steady against the European currencies and rose against the dollar yesterday despite a drop to below $14 a barrel in the price of Brent crude for March delivery.

The dollar now appears to be the main victim of lower oil prices, mainly because of market concern over the exposure of the US banking system to the domestic energy sector and oil producing economies.

In addition, there remain market expectations of lower American interest rates, either through a reduction in the budget deficit or a weaker performance for the economy. Foreign exchange dealers believe that the dollar's fall has gathered a momentum which shows no sign, as yet, of abating.

One change is that the mark, rather than the yen, has become the main beneficiary of dollar weakness. This is mainly because of statements from the Bank of Japan intended to limit the yen's rise against the dollar. Yesterday, the mark rose more than a pfennig to 2.28 against the dollar.

With the pressure off the pound, money market dealers see scope for lower base rates, although most believe the Chancellor will wait until around Budget Day, March 18, before sanctioning a base rate cut. Lower base rates have frequently been used as a Budget sweetener in recent years. Three-month interbank rate fell ⅛ point to 12⅛-12⅜ per cent yesterday.

An analysis published yesterday by the American Express Bank suggests that the pound is at about the right level against the dollar but is still too high against the mark and French franc.

The *Amex Bank Review* says an appropriate level for the pound against the dollar, based on relative inflation rates, is $1.43.

However, against the mark, the pound's correct purchasing power parity level is DM2.81, 18 per cent below yesterday's level of DM3.34.

Saatchi in US deal

Saatchi and Saatchi, the fast growing advertising group, is buying Dancer Fitzgerald Sample, one of America's largest advertising agencies, for a minimum of $75 million (£51 million).

The purchase is being made by Dorland, a UK subsidiary of Saatchi. The combination of the two will create a new international network to be called DFS Dorland worldwide. DFS Dorland will be the sixteenth largest advertising agency in the world.

McAlpine up

Alfred McAlpine, formerly Marchwiel, the building group, lifted pretax profits to £23.05 million in the year to October 31, up from £22.64 million. Turnover improved from £340 million to £393 million and the final dividend is raised from 7.5p to 8.7p, making 12.5p for the full year.

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Vickers rise

Vickers, the Rolls-Royce Motors company, lifted profits from £30.8 million to £45.1 million before tax in the year to December 31. Turnover was up from £529 million to £611 million and the total dividend is raised from 10p to 13p.

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Berisford fall

Pretax profits at S& WBerisford, the commodity trader, fell from £80.2 million to £52.9 million for the year to September 30, on turnover up from £5.70 billion to £7.29 billion.

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Tilbury stake

Tilbury Group has increased its stake in West's Group to 21.55 per cent with the purchase of a further 400,000 shares at 117p.

Lifeline link

Tunstall Telecom Group and Boots have announced a joint marketing programme for Tunstall Lifeline. Tunstall's new emergency communications service for the elderly and disabled.

Shares deal

Morgan Grenfell, deemed to be acting in concert with the Rank Organisation, has bought 3.1 million Granada shares at 292½p a share. Rank and those acting in concert now own 12.55 million Granada shares, about 5.2 per cent of the issued capital.

Cash deadline

Coats Patons shareholders are being told that acceptances of the cash alternative for the merger with Vantona Viyella must be received by 3pm on March 10. If the recommended offer on behalf of Vantona is then unconditional as to acceptances, the cash alternative will not be extended.

BSC sale

British Steel Corporation and Davy Corporation have reached agreement in principle under which the Distington engineering contracting business at Workington, Cumbria – part of the forges, foundries and engineering group of BSC Holdings – will be acquired by Davy for about £1.5 million.

Rand rises

The rand rose to 50.25 US cents in Johannesburg, its first rise above 50 cents since the country's financial crisis broke last July. The recovery was due to the weakness of the dollar and recent moves to reschedule South Africa's foreign debt.

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Opec retreats on output control battle with UK

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Britain's opposition to co-operating with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to control oil output and world free market prices appears to have been finally accepted by the oil producers' cartel yesterday.

Opec's attitude to Britain's refusal to co-operate on output control has also been tempered by Saudi Arabia's embarrassment that it has completed a £4 billion arms-for-oil contract with Britain.

North Sea oil prices fell to their lowest since spot market trading started 10 years ago, and then began to increase for long-term orders after signs from Saudi Arabia that it will modify the hard line it has taken against Britain and may once again cut its own output to help fellow Opec members.

Prices for North Sea Brent crude fell to nearly $13 a barrel yesterday in some early dealing, but later climbed back to $14.50.

It also appears that Opec has abandoned attempts to persuade Britain to change its policy on oil production and co-operate with the mainly Middle Eastern producers to control output and therefore prices.



Peter Walker: no change in government policy

Saudi Arabia has won backing from other Opec members to call a meeting of non-Opec oil producers in Geneva next month after the emergency ministerial meeting to resolve output quotas in the cartel.

In the past, Opec has attempted to persuade non-member producers to co-operate on pricing and output policies by sending high-level delegations. It has now decided to invite oil ministers from non-member countries to come to its ministerial session, but has left Britain off the invitation list.

The British Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, has met most Opec oil ministers individually over the past six months and constantly explained that the Government will not change its policy of leaving North Sea oil output up to the oil companies involved.

The view now emerging within Opec is that all attempts to make Britain and, to a lesser extent, Norway scapegoats for the organization's problems have failed and attention will be switched to other oil producers such as Mexico, Oman and Egypt, which could be offered Opec membership.

Mexico seeks US talks

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Senor Jesus Silva Herzog, the Mexican finance minister, yesterday asked for an emergency meeting with Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, to discuss his country's economic plight following its decision to limit debt repayments.

A US Treasury official said Senor Herzog requested the meeting following the dramatic announcement by President Miguel de la Madrid that Mexico intends to limit payments on its huge $97 billion debt to "its capacity to pay."

Bankers fear that Mexico's increasingly militant position will result soon in a unilateral action to limit debt repayments to a fraction of export earnings

The Latin American group of debtor nations known as the Cartagena group is scheduled to meet this week in Uruguay to adopt a common approach to the region's $350 billion debt which bankers fear could lead to a new confrontation with creditors. At the very least, the Cartagena group is expected to ask for big concessions from banks.

But despite concerns over the worsening debt crisis, the US Treasury continues to take a hard line approach in discussions with Mexico, officials said. A Treasury spokesman said yesterday that it was untrue that the Reagan administration was assembling a multi-billion dollar package of new loans for Mexico in the hope that the nation would accept more money instead of interest rate relief.

A top Treasury official said the Reagan Administration intended to continue to demand that Mexico take internal economic reforms as a condition of additional financial support from Western governments and banks.

But Mexican officials have yet to produce either a formal estimate of their financial needs in the wake of the collapse of oil prices or a programme of economic reform which will require additional austerity measures.

Indeed, President de la Madrid indicated in his speech onFriday that Mexico had gone as far as it would go in taking austerity measures at home.

Company to reopen theatre

By Lawrence Lever

West End theatre received a boost from an unexpected quarter yesterday with the launch of a Business Expansion Scheme company which will purchase and re-open the Playhouse Theatre.

Playhouse Theatre Company is looking to raise £1.4 million. It will refurbish the theatre, which last staged productions in 1951, and put on shows at other West End and regional theatres. The sponsors of the issue are Chancery Securities.

The company is projecting losses of £99,000 and £85,000 in its first two years to January 1988, and a profit of £431,000 in the third year. The Playhouse Theatre will be reopened in July 1987, although the company expects to begin trading in the summer of this year with the staging of a West End production. This will speed up tax relief on share subscriptions.

The theatre is valued in the prospectus at £375,000. A 999-year lease on it is being acquired by a subsidiary of Playhouse Theatres Productions, in return for the issue of 733,000 £1 shares to Mr Robin Gonshaw, chairman of the company, and his family and associates.

The share exchange reflects the fact that Mr Gonshaw's family company has incurred professional fees and interest charges, and it is disposing of an adjacent plot of land.

Mr Gonshaw and associated parties will also be investing between £700,000 and £800,000

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Jobs in franchise sector up 50%

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Jobs in franchised businesses rose by a half last year to about 110,000, while turnover in the sector jumped by three quarters to £1.75 billion.

It now looks likely that franchising will reach an annual turnover of £5 billion by 1990.

This was announced yesterday by Mr Ian Neill of the Pizza Express franchise chain, who is the new chairman of the British Franchise Association.

Mr Neill called for the appointment of a senior civil servant with direct responsibility for franchising now that the sector was becoming increasingly important to the commerce of the country.

This was important to ensure that the voice of franchising was heard when relevant legislation was being considered, he said.

The BFA is the trade body for companies which license their business formats to franchisees, but it is now seeking ways for franchisee opinion to be reflected within the association. Practical ways in which franchisees could become involved are being discussed.

It is also launching a service to help companies contemplating the franchising route to growth. For a fee, it offers advice and counselling.



Ian Neill: calling for a civil servant for franchising

ICI wins court appeal over tax aid

ICI has won the latest round of its legal battle with the Government over what it claimed was unfair and unlawful tax advantages given to its oil company rivals.

The Court of Appeal in London yesterday ruled that tax concessions enjoyed by Shell, Esso and BP on the supply of the gas mixture ethane to their affiliated companies constituted a "grant aid" plant under the terms of EEC fair competition regulations on aid to industry.

Whether that aid is compatible with the regulations under the Treaty of Rome is now a question for the EEC Commissioners.

The judges allowed ICI's appeal against a High Court ruling in favour of the Government, and dismissed the Government's cross-appeal against a decision that the Revenue acted unlawfully in the way tax was assessed on the ethane supplied by the oil companies.

The court also rejected the Government's argument that ICI had no legal standing in the case because it was not entitled to seek judicial review of the affairs of other taxpayers – Shell, Esso and BP.

After yesterday's judgment by Lord Oliver, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nourse, an ICI spokesman said: "We are absolutely delighted with the result.

Morgan Grenfell explains bid role

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

Morgan Grenfell yesterday spelled out the terms under which it is buying shares in Distillers to further Guinness's agreed £2.35 billion takeover bid for the whisky group.

This follows an intervention by the Stock Exchange at the request of Mr James Gulliver's Argyll supermarkets group, which has made a rival £2.3 billion bid for Distillers.

Argyll was concerned that the purchases by Morgan Grenfell may have caused Guinness to breach the Stock Exchange rule that all companies must seek shareholders' approval before undertaking an investment of more than 25 per cent of their net tangible assets.

Morgan Grenfell yesterday conceded that it had an option which allowed it to require Guinness to purchase the Distillers shares at cost.

But because of the 25 per cent rule, this option could not cover purchases of more than £66 million worth of Distillers shares. Morgan Grenfell is believed to have exceeded this level already.

Both Guinness and Argyll were back in the market yesterday buying more shares in Distillers.

Morgan Grenfell was also the subject of a complaint over its purchase of £360 million worth of shares in Imperial Group on behalf of United Biscuits. United Biscuits indemnified Morgan Grenfell against any losses on the purchases, giving rise to the same concern about a possible breach of the 25 per cent rule.

The Stock Exchange said yesterday that it was letting the matter rest for the moment, since Hanson Trust's rival bid for Imperial meant that the potential loss to UB on the purchases was no more than £20 million.

Both Guinness and Argyll are set to make renewed representations to the Office of Fair Trading over Guinness's fresh attempt to acquire Distillers.

Mr Ernest Saunders, chief executive of Guinness, said that the combined share of Guinness and Distillers in whisky production capacity, would not be sufficient cause for a reference of his new bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Saunders said that the issue of production capacity needed to be understood and that the facts were "a far cry from Argyll's renewed attempts to divert attention from the real issues".

He said that the difference in ownership of production between an Argyll-Distillers combination and a Guinness-Distillers tie-up was only 2.3 per cent. "Since the Argyll bid has been cleared and remains cleared, it is hardly creditable that an increase of 2.3 per cent constitutes sufficient difference in ownership of production to justify an investigation by the MMC," he said.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

An Exco dilemma for the Bank of England

The proposed merger between Morgan Grenfell and Exco International, for all the financial sense it appears to make, could still run into the immovable wall of Bank of England rules.

The O'Brien rule, which came into existence in the late 1970s, limits the involvement of banks in money broking houses. The original limit was 5 per cent, but this was raised to a maximum 10 per cent involvement in 1984 so that it did not accidentally prevent acquisitions or mergers which were otherwise perfectly acceptable.

On the face of it, the Morgan Grenfell-Exco merger requires the Bank either to abolish the rule or make this merger an exception to it. The Bank was taking a hard line yesterday, however. "The rule was introduced primarily because the market wanted it," a spokesman said– so abolition looks unlikely. The spokesman added ominously: "It is unlikely that the Bank can make an exception in particular cases."

Divesting Exco's money broking activities would bring a much reduced company with about £350 million in cash to the merchant bank. But apart from providing Morgan Grenfell with extra capital, such a divestment would destroy much of the commercial logic of the merger.

Morgan might try building some elaborate and remarkably high Chinese walls within the merged company to sooth the Bank's feelings. More likely it would abandon thoughts of Exco and seek other ways of expanding its capital base to the size needed to be a major player in international capital and securities markets.

The other threat to the deal, resistance by Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat – the Singapore businessman who holds more than a quarter of Exco's shares – currently looks less dangerous.

Exco is holding a board meeting today which is likely to clarify Tan Sri Khoo's position. He may indeed be intending to bid for Exco himself, but he must know that he would face the hostility of the whole board if he did so. If he does, he will have missed the opportunity to buy the company for much less than it will now cost. After all, he bought his Exco stake last year for about 190p compared to the present price of 240p.

He may well choose the line of least resistance and take his profit, or he may choose to stay in the enlarged company with his holding diluted to around 11 per cent. Morgan Grenfell and the Bank of England would be happy to have him along at that figure, but would be unhappy to see his holding much beyond that.

One thing, though, is clear. If the deal does fall through there will be considerable disappointment in the stock market where the prospect of a merger and the chance to invest in the combined group was received with enthusiasm.

The fit of business – Exco's broking and Far Eastern interests allied with Morgan Grenfell's banking strengths – makes sense, as does the prospect of extra capital for the bank. There is also a feeling that the deal would at last supply Exco with strong and imaginative leadership, which it seems to have lacked since John Gunn's resignation last year.

SE acts to plug the leaks

The Stock Exchange, as part of its preparations for the big bang on October 27, has turned its attention to the ever-ticklish subject of news management. It has issued a document outlining its proposed Company News Service which will make available on an electronic database all announcements by quoted companies. But it carries a nasty sting for the public relations fraternity, or at least for those of them who pride themselves on their skills at releasing information on a selective basis to what they hope will be their client's best advantage.

It has long been a cardinal principle of the Stock Exchange that all material information about quoted companies should be available to all interested parties simultaneously. This has, however, been honoured more in the breach than the observance, particularly in the past year when those involved in hostile takeover bids have made use of almost any weapon that might aid their cause. The carefully planted news leak has become standard artillery

In launching its new electronic service the Stock Exchange has taken the opportunity to crack down on this practice.

Now, according to the CNS document, "precisely laid down procedures should be adopted and adhered to". Companies are not to be allowed to plead that their PR acted on his own initiative, because the responsibility is being laid on the companies themselves "to retain absolute control of unpublished news at all times". If there were persistent continuing breaches of the rules, the company would be asked "to review the appointment of the particular agent".

It is unclear what would happen if such a review resulted in the agent's services nevertheless being retained. The Stock Exchange's ultimate sanction is to withdraw the company's listing, but that is open to the objection that it is a crude and unwieldy punishment. In today's rapidly changing climate, some companies might even retaliate by suing the authorities.

But neither side would wish to become involved in such an unseemly public brawl. Reputable companies will wish to be seen to be complying with the new guidelines. And that can only mean that some of the more adventurous PRs will have to rethink their tactics. The conspiracy of interest among clients, PRs and, let us be frank, journalists, will make it difficult to stamp out the practice of leaking entirely. But if some of the worst excesses are curbed then it is possible that takeover bids and other contentious matters will be considered both more calmly and constructively.

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) – The stock market was lifted sharply at midsession on Friday by figures-related buy programmes, cheaper oil and lower interest rates, according to traders.

Advancing shares led declining issues by a better than two-to-one margin, as the expiry of futures contracts boosted trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 13.76 points to 1686.58 around mid-afternoon, closed at 1,697.71, up 24.89.

ATT led the actives, up ⅜ at 22⅜.

The American Stock Exchange prices closed higher in early active trading. The Amex market value index rose 1.13 to 247.80.

	Feb 21	Feb 20		Feb 21	Feb 20		Feb 21	Feb 20
AMR	52⅛	51⅞	Exxon Corp	52¾	51⅞	Phelps Dge	24⅛	25¾
ASA	37⅝	21⅞	Fed Dpt Sts	69⅞	68¾	Philip Mrs	101¼	101½
Allied Signal	50⅛	50	Firestone	24⅞	24½	Phillips Pet	10¼	10
Allied Strs	72	71¾	Fst Chicago	30⅝	30¾	Polaroid	61½	60¾
Allis Chlmrs	4⅛	4¾	Fst Int Bncp	56⅛	56¾	PPG Ind	n/a	n/a
Alcoa	45¾	43⅞	Fst Penn C	6¾	6¾	Prctr Gmbl	68	68¾
Amax Inc	13⅝	12⅞	Ford	71¾	71⅞	Pb S E & G	37⅞	36⅝
Am'rda Hs	22¾	22½	GAF Corp	66⅝	67	Raytheon	57¾	55¾
Am Brands	73¾	73⅞	GTE Corp	49½	49¾	RCA Corp	61⅛	61¾
Am Brdcast			Gen Corp	75½	n/a	Rynlds Met	44¾	44¾
Am Can	76½	76¾	Gen Dy'mcs	75	77¾	Rockwell Int	39⅝	38¾
Am Cynm'd	65⅛	64⅝	Gen Electric	78	78¾	Royal Dutch	64⅝	64½
Am El Pwr	26¼	25⅞	Gen Inst	20¼	20⅞	Safeways	35⅝	35¾
Am Express	64¾	63	Gen Mills	60⅛	60¾	Sara Lee	53¾	53¾
Am Home	70⅛	70¾	Gen Motors	80½	79½	SFE Sopac	38⅞	39
Am Hospital			Gn Pb Ut ny	19	19¾	SCM	73¾	73¾
Am Motors	2⅞	2¾	Genesco	4	n/a	Schl'berger	29¾	30¾
Am St'nrd	42⅞	42⅞	Georgia Pac	29¾	29¾	Scott Paper	57⅞	57⅞
Am Teleph	22⅛	22	Gillete	77¾	77¾	Seagram	52⅛	51⅞
Amoco	59¾	59¾	Goodrich	41⅞	39⅞	Sears Rbck	43⅝	42⅞
Armco Steel	11	10¾	Goodyear	35¾	34⅞	Shell Trans	39⅛	n/a
Asarco	20¾	20⅞	Gould Inc	28¾	28¾	Singer	49½	48⅞
Ashland Oil	43⅝	42⅞	Grace	53⅞	53¾	Smthkln Bk	80¾	n/a
At Richfield	52½	52¾	Gt Atl & Tac	22½	22¾	Sony	19⅞	19¾
Avon Prods	30¾	29⅞	Gr'hnd	35¾	34⅞	Sth Cal Ed	29¾	28⅞
Bkrs Tst NY	37¾	38¾	Gruman Cor	24¼	24	Sperry Corp	53⅞	53¾
Bankamer	14⅝	15¾	Gulf & West	56⅝	56½	Std Oil Ohio	47⅞	46⅞
Bk of Bston	68	67	Heinz H.J.	33½	33	Sterling Drg	40⅝	40½
Bank of NY	55⅞	54⅞	Hercules	45¾	43½	Stevens JP	33⅝	32¾
Beatrice Fds	46	45⅞	H'lett-Pkrd	44	43¾	Sun Comp	45	45
Beth Steel	19⅝	19¾	Honeywell	80½	80¾	Teledyne	334¾	329½
Boeing	50⅛	49½	IC Inds	44	41½	Tenneco	37⅞	37⅝
Bse Cascde	50⅝	50¾	Ingersoll	64½	64¾	Texaco	29	29
Brden	56¾	56½	Inland Steel	27	26⅝	Texas E Cor	34⅝	34⅞
Bg Warner	28¼	27⅞	IBM	159⅝	159¾	Texas Inst	125	124½
Brist Myers	67⅝	67	Int Harvtr	n/a	8¾	Texas Utils	34¾	33⅞
BP	31¾	31	INCO	n/a	13¾	Textron	57¾	56¾
Burl'ton Ind	36⅛	35⅞	Int Paper	57¾	56⅞	Travlrs Cor	54⅝	53¾
Burl'ton Ntn	77⅞	76¾	Int Tel Tel	42⅛	41¾	TRW Inc	n/a	98⅞
Burroughs	70¾	70	Irving Bank	49½	47⅞	UAL Inc	59¾	59⅛
Cmpbell Sp	50⅛	50½	Jhnsn & Jhn	49¾	48	Unilever NV	140¼	140¾
Can Pacific	12⅝	12¾	Kaiser Alum	17	17	Un Carbide	86⅝	86¾
Caterpiller	48⅝	48¾	Kerr McGee	27¾	27	Un Pac Cor	49⅝	49¾
Celanese	199	192½	Kmb'ly Clrk	77⅛	76½	Utd Brands	24	24
Central SW	30½	30¾	K Mart	37⅝	37¾	US Steel	22¼	22⅝
Champion	27½	27¾	Kroger	47⅝	47¾	Utd Technol	53⅞	53
Chase Man	37⅛	38¾	L.T.V. Corp	6⅞	6¾	Unocal	22¾	22⅛
Chm Bk NY	44⅞	45¼	Litton	81¼	79½	Wachovia	n/a	n/a
Chevron	35⅞	35⅝	Lockheed	52½	51¾	Jim Walter	51⅛	50½
Chrysler	55⅝	56⅞	Lucky Strs	25½	25	Wrner Lmbt	47¾	47¾
Citicorp	50	51¼	Man H'nver	43⅝	44½	Wells Fargo	79½	78¾
Clark Equip	23¾	24	Manville Cp	6⅞	6¾	W'stghse El	49⅛	48⅞
Coca Cola	91¾	90⅝	Mapco	36¾	37¼	Weyerh'ser	35¾	35
Colgate	34⅝	33⅞	Marine Mid	44¾	44¾	Whirlpool	65¾	64
CBS		125⅝	Mrt Marietta	37¾	36½	Woolworth	67⅞	66½
C'mbia Gas	39⅛	39½	Masco	49¾	47⅞	Xerox Corp	69⅝	68⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	32¾	33	McDonnell	79⅞	79¾	Zenith	22⅛	21½
Comwlth Ed	33¾	33½	Mead	49⅛	48			
Cons Edis	41⅞	41⅞	Merck	152½	150⅝			
Cn Nat Gas	49¾	49⅝	Minsta Mng	98⅞	98⅝			
Cons Power	11⅞	10⅞	Mobil Oil	29¾	28¾			
Cntrl Data	24½	23¾	Monsanto	59¾	57¾			
Corning Gl	69⅛	68¾	Morgan J.P.	66⅝	66⅝			
CPC Intl		55¾	Motorola	45¾	44½			
Crane	44⅛	42½	NCR Corp	46½	46¾			
Crn Zeller	44½	44¾	NL Indstrs	14¾	14¾			
Dart & Kraft	45¾	44½	Nat Distlrs	38	37⅞			
Deere	31	31	Nat Med Ent	22	21			
Delta Air	45⅝	45	Nat Smcndt	14¾	14⅝			
Detroit Ed	17½	17⅝	Norfolk Sth	90¾	91			
Digital Eq	162½	162⅞	NW Bancrp	33⅛	33½			
Disney	127⅞	125⅝	Occidnt Pet	25⅞	25⅝			
Dow Chem	51¼	48⅞	Ogden	29¾	28¾			
Dresser Ind	17¾	17¾	Olin Corp	39½	37¾			
Duke Power	39⅞	38⅞	Owens-Ill	64½	61			
Du Pont	72½	70⅞	Pac Gas El	22⅝	22			
Eastern Air	6⅝	6¾	Pan Am	8½	8¼			
Estm Kodak	52⅝	51⅝	Penney J.C.	60⅞	60½			
Eaton Corp	74⅞	72½	Pennzoil	58⅝	57⅞			
Emerson El	85⅞	85	Pepsico	73⅝	70⅝			
Evans Prod	n/a	n/a	Pfizer	52⅛	52			

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	n/a	23
Alcn Alum	n/a	44¾
Algome Stl	n/a	17¾
Bell Tele	n/a	
Can Pacific	n/a	17¾
Cominco	n/a	11¾
Con Bathrst	n/a	24
Gulf Oil	n/a	14⅞
Hkr/Sid Can	n/a	22⅞
Hdsn B Min	n/a	25⅞
Imasco	n/a	25¾
Imperial Oil	n/a	42½
In Pipe	n/a	n/a
Mass-Ferg	n/a	288
Ryl Trustco	n/a	26⅞
Seagram	n/a	71⅞
Steel Co	n/a	26¾
Thmsn N 'A'	n/a	25½
Wlkr Hiram	n/a	27⅛
WCT	n/a	14m

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 21	Market rates close February 21	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4380-1.4480	1.4444-1.4459	0.54-0.52prem	1.60-1.57
Montreal	2.0010-2.0121	2.0063-2.0056	0.01pm-0.11dis	0.14-0.22disc
Ams'dam	3.7623-3.7836	3.7656-3.7724	2½-1½prem	6¾-6
Brussels	68.05-68.57	68.26-68.41	16-9prem	37-27
C'phgen	12.3012-12.3695	12.3280-12.3523	4¾-4prem	12¾-11¾
Dublin	1.1035-1.1099	1.1044-1.1054	37-74disc	136-212disc
Frankfurt	3.3240-3.3497	3.3358-3.3415	2¼-2prem	6⅝-6⅜
Lisbon	217.21-220.87	218.13-220.50	250-550disc	580-1520
Madrid	209.89-210.96	210.02-210.38	20prem-20disc	30-145disc
Milan	2256.70-2280.20	2268.07-2273.32	7-10disc	30-35
Oslo	10.3780-10.4508	10.3780-10.4033	¼-¾disc	1¾-2⅝
Paris	10.1930-10.2850	10.2422-10.2673	⅜prem-⅛disc	3-4½
St'khm	10.5946-10.6410	10.5976-10.6230	¼-⅛prem	2¼-1⅜
Tokyo	236.16-265.18	264.47-265.18	1⅜-1⅛prem	4⅜-3⅝
Vienna	23.34-23.54	23.34-23.39	11¾-10⅝prem	35-31¾
Zurich	2.7808-2.8000	2.7949-2.8000	2-1⅝prem	6-5⅜

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 74.5 (day's range n/a).

The pound spent most of the day recouping sharp overnight losses against the dollar and the long-term future of the dollar looks bearish. Sterling closed more than half a cent down at 1.4451 (1.4517).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3100-1.3125
Singapore	2.1300-2.1330
Malaysia	2.4700-2.4720
Australia	0.7010-0.7020
Canada	1.3902-1.3912
Sweden	7.3350-7.3450
Norway	7.1850-7.1950
Denmark	8.5100-8.5200
West Germany	2.3065-2.3085
Switzerland	1.9350-1.9380
Netherlands	2.6140-2.6160
France	7.0850-7.0950
Japan	182.70-182.90
Italy	1574.5-1576.5
Belgium(Comm)	47.37-47.47
Hong Kong	7.8020-7.8050
Portugal	151.50-152.50
Spain	145.50-145.70
Austria	23.43-23.48

*Lloyds Bank International

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.1548-1.1575
Australia dollar	2.0591-2.0635
Bahrain dinar	0.5410-0.5450
Brazil cruzeiro*	19227.4-19341.3
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland marka	7.4865-7.5256
Greece drachma	203.75-205.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.277-11.290
India rupee	17.65-17.85
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4070-0.4110
Malaysia dollar	3.5709-3.5758
Mexico peso	640-690
New Zealand dollar	2.7325-2.7422
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2375-5.2775
Singapore dollar	3.0789-3.0854
South Africa rand	2.8938-2.9076
U A E dirham	5.2665-5.3065

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12½ Low 10
Week fixed: 12½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 12½; 3 mnth 12¼
Selling: 2 mnth 12³⁄₁₆; 3 mnth 12

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12¹¹⁄₃₂-12¹⁹⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 12½-12⁷⁄₃₂
3 mnth 12½-12 6 mnth 11½-11¹³⁄₃₂

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 12²¹⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 12½
3 mnth 12½ 6 mnth 12½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12½ close 12½
1 week 12¾-12½ 6 mnth 12¾-12½
1 mnth 12¹³⁄₁₆-12¹¹⁄₁₆ 9 mnth 12¾-12
3 mnth 12¹⁹⁄₃₂-12⁹⁄₁₆ 12 mth 12¹⁵⁄₁₆-11¹⁵⁄₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 12½ 7 days 12½
1 mnth 12½ 3 mnth 12⁷⁄₁₆
6 mnth 12 12 mth 11¹³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 13½-13 2 mnth 13½-12¾
3 mnth 13-12¾ 6 mnth 12¾-12½
9 mnth 12¾-12¾ 12 mth 12¾-12¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 12¾-12¾ 3 mnth 12⁷⁄₁₆-12⁵⁄₁₆
6 mnth 12-11¾ 12 mth 11¾-11¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.80-7.75 3 mnth 7.80-7.75
6 mnth 7.85-7.80 12 mth 8.00-7.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆; call 6¾-7¾
3 months 8-7¾; 1 month 7⅞
6 months 8-7¾

Deutschmark
7 days 4¾-4¾; call 5-4
3 months 4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆; 1 month 4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆
6 months 4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆

French Franc
7 days 9¾-9; call 10-9
3 months 14¼-14¾; 1 month 12¾-12½
6 months 13¾-13¾

Swiss Franc
7 days 9¾-8¾; call 1¾-½
3 months 3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆; 1 month 3¹⁹⁄₃₂
6 months 4-3⅝

Yen
7 days 6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆; call 6-5
3 months 6-5¾; 1 month 6¾-6¾
6 months 5¹³⁄₁₆

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $339-340.50 (£234-235.75)
Sovereigns* (new): $81.50-82.50 (£56.75-57.00)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 8, 1986 to February 4, 1986 inclusive: 13.077 per cent.

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 86	87.75	87.81	87.65	86.80	1997
Jun 86	88.47	88.56	88.35	88.56	1892
Sep 86	88.95	89.05	88.90	89.07	111
Dec 86	89.32	89.39	89.26	89.43	191
Previous day's total open interest 10874					
Three Month Eurodollar					
		Previous day's total open interest 1998			
Mar 86	92.05	92.10	92.04	92.10	589
Jun 86	92.08	92.16	92.08	92.15	1642
Sep 86	91.98	92.04	91.98	92.04	313
Dec 86	91.80	91.84	91.80	91.83	166
US Treasury Bond					
		Previous day's total open interest 3340			
Mar 86	88-17	89-23	88-14	89-21	8833
Jun 86	87-17	88-21	87-17	88-22	117
Sep 86	N/T				0
Short Gilt					
		Previous day's total open interest 103			
Mar 86	96-31	96-62	96-31	97-10	250
Jun 86	N/T			97-38	0
Sep 86	N/T				0
Long Gilt					
		Previous day's total open interest 7548			
Mar 86	112-06	113-25	112-06	113-25	5763
Jun 86	113-01	114-08	113-01	114-08	199
Sep 86	114-08	114-08	114-08	114-16	6
Dec 86	N/T			114-16	0
FT-SE 100					
		Previous day's total open interest 1885			
Mar 86	149.50	151.30	149.50	151.20	445
Jun 86	151.50	153.00	151.50	153.00	15

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo: Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US$ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
Unq'ted
Vol: Nil

SUGAR (Raw)
No.6 at 16.40

March	153.0-52.0
May	159.8-58.8
Aug	165.0-64.8
Oct	169.0-68.8
Dec	Unquoted
March	Unquoted
Vol	586

SUGAR (White)
All months unquoted
Vol: Nil

COCOA

March	1592-81
May	1601-00
July	1630-29
Sept	1661-59
Dec	1700-1699
March	1728-27
May	1749-48
Vol	340/3467

COFFEE

March	2465-2455
May	2526-2525
July	2609-2607
Sept	2678-2685
Nov	2710-2700
Jan	2737-2730
March	2800-2720
Vol	4454

SOYABEAN

Feb	Expired
April	130.5-130
June	128.3-28.0
Aug	126.4-28.1
Oct	127.5-27.0
Dec	129.5-28.5
Feb	132.0-30.0
Vol	87

GAS OIL

March	177.0-76.75
April	154-153.50
May	144.5-144.00
June	141.0-140.75
July	141.0-140.25
Aug	143.5-142.25
Sept	145.0-144.00
Oct	150.5-145.00
Nov	156.0-145.00
Vol	2743

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 969.50-970.50
Three months 995.00-995.50
Vol 6600
Tone Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 956.00-958.00
Three Months 986.00-988.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

TIN
Cash Suspended
Three Months
Vol
Tone

LEAD
Cash 254.00-255.00
Three Months 264.50-265.50
Vol 7600
Tone Quiet

Zinc Standard
Cash 399.00-402.00
Three Months
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

Zinc High Grade
Cash 413.00-414.00
Three Months 423.00-424.00
Vol 2250
Tone Steady

Silver Large
Cash 404.00-405.00
Three Months 416.00-417.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

Silver Small
Cash 404.00-405.00
Three Months 416.00-417.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

Aluminium
Cash 779.00-781.00
Three Months 806.00-806.50
Vol 13850
Tone Steadier

Nickel
Cash 2845-2855
Three Months 2895-2905
Vol 708
Tone Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 21
GB: Cattle, 95.68p per kg lw (-0.12)
GB: Sheep 191.85p per kg est d c w (+10.46)
GB: Pigs, 75.40p per kg lw (+1.80)

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 0.3 %, ave. price, 95.56p(-0.16)
Sheep nos. down 3.3 %, ave. price, 191.54p(+10.80)
Pig nos. down 15.9 %, ave. price, 75.40p(+1.80)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 0.9 %, ave. price, 95.50p(+0.14)
Sheep nos. down 6.4 %, ave. price, 192.85p(+10.10)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, n/a

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
March	114.70	112.60
May	118.40	116.00
July	119.80	
Sept	98.90	96.70
Nov	102.25	100.35
Jan	105.85	103.85

Volume:
Wheat 139
Barley 633

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
April	91.00	91.50
May	98.50	98.70
Nov	83.00	77.10
Feb	84.00	86.50
April	100.05	99.00

Vol: 588

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
April 86	848.0-843.5	843.5
July 86	740.0-730.0	740.0
Oct 86	852.0-846.0	848.0
Jan 87		877.5
April 87	940.0-840.0	940.0
July 87	850.0-844.0	850.0
Oct 87	933.0-920.0	924.0
Jan 88		925.0

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
102	87	Atlas	102	● ..	3.1r	3.0	39.5
698	580	Alliance	695	..	26.1n	3.8	33.1
138	118	Amer Trust	138	+1	4.3	3.1	34.8
310	245	Ang Amer Sec	310	+1	8.1	2.6	56.9
161	123	Ashdown	161	●+1	4.4	2.7	50.9
120	88	Atlantic Assets	109	+½	0.8	0.7	..
110	83	Bankers	109	● ..	3.9r	3.6	41.0
184	152	Berry	177	+1	1.5	0.8	..
57	47½	Br Assets	56½	..	2.7	4.8	31.8
33¼	25	Br Empire Sec	32	..	0.7	2.2	43.8
360	312	British Inv	360	+2	20.9r	5.5	23.3
85	64	Brunner	84	●−1	3.1	3.7	39.1
89	72	Charter Agency	88	● ..	3.3r	3.8	37.9
695	525	Continental	695	+2	30.0r	4.3	33.2
178	119	Crescent Japan	153	−1	0.6	0.3	..
116	97	Derby Inc	115	● ..	12.0	10.4	13.7
127	95	Do Cap	115	..			
330	264	Drayton Cons	317	..	14.3	4.5	31.2
152	112	Drayton Far East	151	..	1.6	1.1	..
508	346	Drayton Japan	508	..	3.8n	0.7	..
528	353	Drayton Premier	514	..	18.2	3.5	40.1
189	160	Dundee Lon	187	+1	7.7	4.1	33.3
118	89	Edn Amer Asset	109	+1	0.9	0.8	78.4
135	103	Edinburgh	135	+1	4.6r	3.4	48.5
314	254	Electric Gen	314	+2	5.6r	1.8	71.4
142	114	English Int	141	..	5.0	3.5	41.7
81	65	English Scot	81	..	1.9	2.3	57.9
122	81	English NY	122	..	3.6	3.0	48.0
126	85	Ensign	125	..	2.0	1.6	69.4
97	76	F & C Alliance	96	+2	2.5	2.6	54.2
166	122	F & C Pacific	164	..	1.8r	1.1	36.8
248	186	Family	248	+3	11.3r	4.6	35.9
295	242	First Scot Amer	290	..	12.9r	4.4	40.8
185	80	First Un Gen	120	..	8.7	7.3	10.1
590	415	Fleming American	530	●+7	9.2	1.8	81.4
303	235	Fleming Claver	300	●+1	14.5	4.8	29.9
298	233	Fleming Enterprise	289	●+1	12.9	4.5	32.3
109	78	Fleming Far East	97	+7	1.5	1.5	98.0
118	100	Fleming Fledgling	116	●+1	3.6	3.1	44.8
580	405	Fleming Japan	558	..	3.7	1.0	..
132	105	Fleming Mercantile	130½	+1½	4.3	3.3	42.4
134	100	Fleming Overseas	128	● ..	3.9	3.0	42.4
132	115	Fleming Tech	130	..	3.3	2.2	63.4
364	288	Fleming Universal	354	+1	7.1r	2.0	60.4
77½	59	For Col	77	+½	2.0r	2.6	59.2
121	91	GBC Capital	100	+1	..	..	..
185	175	GT Japan	142	● ..	2.0r	1.4	97.3
148	97	General Fonds	145	..	2.9	2.0	69.4
295	230	General Cons	295	..	15.9r	5.4	25.9
125	105½	Glasgow Stock	125	..	3.3	2.6	51.0
325	251	Globe	325	+5	14.5	4.5	31.2
148	110	Govett Atlantic	134	..	4.0	3.0	41.7
161½	127	Govett Oriental	157	−1	3.3	2.1	59.2
204	152	Govett Strategy	204	+1	5.1	2.5	58.0
270	202	Greenfriar	270	●+2	2.4	0.9	..
275	220	Gresham House	230	..	6.3	2.7	28.4
179	128	Hambros	179	−1	6.1	3.4	41.7
282	228	Hill (P)	275	+2	13.8	5.0	28.2
582	448	Invest-in Success	562	..	7.8	1.4	97.9
254	208	Inv Cap	247	● ..	6.6	2.7	62.7
82	41	Japan Assets	51	..	0.1	0.2	..
198	162	Law Debenture	198	..	8.6r	4.3	29.1
86	58	Lon Merchant Sec	86	..	3.2	3.6	14.9
89	66	Lon Trust	87	..	6.1n	9.1	22.7
108	86	Merchants	108	+1	5.4r	5.0	36.2
178	139	Monks	179	+1	3.4r	1.9	79.9
138	106	Murray Income	134½	..	7.7	5.7	28.3
150	112	Murray Ind	150	+1	6.4n	4.3	33.3
247	183	Murray Small	247	+1	3.9n	1.6	..
333	258	Murray Venture	332	..	7.9	2.4	54.4
408	354	New Court	398	..	20.4	5.1	27.8
77	56	New Darien Oil	56	−2	0.5	0.9	..
178	153	928	171	..	6.7	3.9	31.1
54	37	Nwthrog Inc 85	50½	..	4.2r	8.3	16.0
243	157	New Tokyo	215	−1	1.1	0.5	..
324	248	Nth Atlantic Sec	315	..	4.9	1.6	87.7
123	70	Nth Sea Assets	70	..	8.7	10.0	..
309	227	Nthn Amer	309	..	7.7	2.5	56.5
155	126	Outwich	155	..	4.4	2.8	44.9
101	62	Pacific Assets	74	−1	..	..	..
43	30	Do Wnts	35	..	..	..	..
48	32	Personal Assets	39	..	0.3	0.8	..
367	282	Raeburn	347	● ..	15.0	4.3	36.2
159	125	River & Merc	158	..	8.8r	5.6	26.5
244	189	River Plate	235	−1	10.7	4.6	32.4
233	168	Robeco	232	+1	..	..	..
198	150	Rolinco	195	..	..	..	..
290	229	Romney	277	..	7.1r	2.6	42.4
12⅞	10	Rorento	212½	−⅛	..	..	..
124	96	St Andrews	124	..	4.1	3.3	42.8
318	225	Scottish	318	+3	8.5	2.7	54.8
285	211	Scot American	280	+3	9.4	3.3	39.5
97	73	Scot Eastern	97	+1	2.8	2.9	48.7
444	345	Scot Mtge	444	+4	10.7r	2.4	54.7
270	204	Scot Nat	270	+2	8.9	2.6	50.8
418	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	415	..	25.0	6.0	20.9
600	599	Second Alliance	600	+2	24.8n	4.1	30.8
145	108	Sec Of Scotland	144	..	6.9r	4.8	34.2
78	61	Smaller Cos	74	..	1.7r	2.3	42.8
38½	32	Stewart Enterp	36	..	0.4	1.8	
100	78	TR Australia	88	..	3.1	3.5	31.0
105	76	TR City Of Lon Dfd	105	●+2	5.6r	5.3	29.4
173	137	TR Ind & Gen	173	+2	5.4r	3.1	45.9
256	197½	TR Natural Res	214	..	10.7	5.0	27.2
111	79	TR North America	97	+1	2.6r	2.7	49.2
146½	111	TR Pacific Basin	136	..	1.4r	1.0	
157	129	TR Property	157	+5	5.3	3.4	39.1
106	79	TR Tech	106	+2	2.5	2.4	57.9
152	124	TR Trustees	152	+2	6.3r	4.1	35.5
147	111	Temple Bar	147	..	7.6	5.2	28.3
264	211	Throgmorton	260	●+2	11.9	4.6	31.1
333	248	Throg Secured Cap	308	..	..	..	..
169	137	Trans Oceanic	169	● ..	5.6	3.3	42.1
123	103	Tribune	123	+1	3.9	3.2	35.2
82½	72½	Triplevest Inc	82½	+1	14.7	17.8	8.8
235	158	US Debenture	235	..	9.3r	4.0	54.9
82	52	Viking Resources	52½	..	2.2r	4.2	41.7
86	61	Westpool	64	● ..	2.2	3.4	46.0
110	84	Winterbottom Energy	88	● ..	3.3	3.8	37.4
180	139	Witan	180	+2	4.2	2.3	64.3
301	259	Yeoman	301	+1	13.7r	4.6	31.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
880	280	Akroyd & Smithers	820	..	25.0	4.0	15.1
57½	28¾	American Express	54⅜	+1⅛	..	..	..
43	19	Argyle	35	..	1.4	4.0	18.7
95	35	Boustead	35	..	..	..	..
155	88	Britannia Arrow	140	−1	6.0	4.3	15.9
17⅝	880	Daily Mail	£17⅛	●−½	69.3	4.0	12.3
17⅜	850	Do 'A'	£17⅛	●−½	69.3	4.0	12.1
142	113	Electra	137	..	5.4	3.9	34.9
107	73	Eng Trust	100	●−1	4.0	4.0	13.9
248	176	Exco	234	+5	4.5	1.9	18.7
85	60	Exploration	81	+3	3.0	3.7	14.4
440	359	Framlington	440	+5	7.1	1.6	20.5
98	58	Frost Gp	90	..	5.7	6.3	12.4
105	44	Goode (D & M)	96	● ..	2.6	2.6	26.7
11⅞	578	Henderson Admin	£11½	..	25.7r	2.2	16.7
193	165	ICH	183	+5	12.9	6.7	7.9
405	300	MAI	360	+5	22.9	6.4	9.4
875	588	M & G	780	● ..	21.4	2.7	23.7
389	217	Mercantile House	342	●+3	18.9	5.5	9.2
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	86	−½	0.5	0.6	78.9
41	16	Do Warrants	21	..	..	..	..
211	93	Smith Brothers	205	+3	9.3	4.5	20.9

The prices on this page refer to Friday's trading.

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High Inc Equity 84.5 89.8● +2.2 5.51
Worldwide Bond 170.5 182.5● −0.5 5.32
American Growth 149.2 158.7● +1.7 0.78
Asian Pacific 42.6 45.7 −1.1 2.74
Assets & Earns 89.7 95.9 +1.7 1.65
Capital Reserve 61.2 61.5c +0.5 ..
Comm & Energy 65.1 69.6c −1.5 1.57
European Capital 75.0 79.7 +0.4 1.88
General 128.8 136.5● +2.5 3.13
Japan 58.1 62.1 +0.1 ..
UK Growth Inc 84.0 90.3 +1.7 1.71
Do Accum 120.3 129.3 +2.3 ..
US Emerging Co's 59.1 63.5 −0.4 0.41
Equitas Progress 183.2 195.1 +3.6 3.65
Masarta Acc 55.0 58.5 +0.3 1.71

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
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0793 610366 & 0793 28291
First Trust 203.1 216.3● +2.1 3.54
Growth & Income 123.0 131.0 +2.7 2.51
Capital Trust 216.0 230.0 +4.2 2.85
Balanced 326.6 349.9 +6.8 3.37
Accum Trust 502.6 535.3 +9.2 3.18
American Income 29.5 31.4● +0.1 4.30
High Income Tst 225.9 240.6c +5.6 4.99
Equity Income 120.8 128.7● +2.7 5.09
High Yield 128.2 137.6 +3.2 6.03
Govt Secs Trust 28.3 29.5 +0.2 9.77
International 69.2 73.7● +0.1 1.36
Japan Fund 73.2 78.0 −1.9 0.01
Pacific Trust 128.4 136.7 −2.4 1.31
Amer Spcl Sits 63.6 67.7 +0.9 1.22
Secs Of Amer Tst 195.3 208.0 +2.1 0.67
Aid Asset Value 202.0 215.1 +4.0 3.51
Gilt Growth 34.2 35.7 +0.6 3.17
Smaller Co's 106.9 113.8● +1.5 2.89
2nd Smaller Co's 141.7 150.9c +1.3 2.68
Recovery Trust 71.3 75.9 +1.2 2.47
Met Min & Cmdty 80.9 86.2 −0.5 2.30
O'seas Earnings 172.5 183.7 +3.8 3.23
Technology Tst 89.4 95.2 +0.8 0.95
Income Exempt 111.5 118.2 +2.8 6.01
Exempt Smaller Co's 202.1 214.2 +4.5 2.83
USA Exempt Trust 316.3 335.3 +2.7 1.43

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131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY
01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3
Capital Growth Inc 53.0 56.6 +1.6 1.82
Do Accum 59.3 63.4 +1.6 1.82
Eastern & Intl 103.1 110.2c −2.2 1.81
Do 6% Withdrawal 56.8 60.7c −1.3 1.81
Finance & Property 55.3 59.1 +1.0 2.46
Gilt & Fixed Income 44.9 47.2● +1.0 9.23
Do Accum 74.4 78.3● +1.8 9.23
High Income Income 65.6 70.1● +1.6 5.81
Do Accum 152.2 162.7● +3.6 5.81
High Yield Income 65.6 70.1c +1.3 8.48
Do Accum 167.4 178.0c +3.1 8.48
Intl Inc 65.8 70.3 +0.2 2.60
Do Acc 67.1 71.7 +0.2 2.60
Do 5% Withdrwl 63.8 68.2 +0.2 2.60
Managed Fund 56.4 59.2 +0.8 ..
Preference Income 26.3 28.1 +0.2 11.50
Do Accum 82.2 87.8 +0.6 11.50
Smaller Co's Income 118.0 126.2 +4.8 1.65
Do Accum 127.2 136.0 +5.1 1.65
World Penny Share 9.0 9.6 +0.1 1.42
Portfolio Tst UK 70.6 73.1 +1.7 1.73
Portfolio Tst Japan 68.4 70.8 −1.5 0.10
Portfolio Tst US 72.2 74.8 +0.4 1.06
Portfolio Tst Europe 89.5 92.7 +1.0 0.10
Portfolio Tst HK 41.8 43.1 −1.4 0.10

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3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)
Intl Ex (22) 379.4 393.9 .. 1.28
Japan Ex (43) 245.1 255.4● .. 0.34
UK Ex (31) 177.2 188.5 .. 1.49
P'sal Pens Intl 368.8 386.2 .. ..
P'sal Pens UK 147.1 154.9 .. ..
BG America 153.8 163.7 +0.9 0.58
BG Energy 111.8 118.8 +2.9 1.71
BG Income Grwth 170.5 181.4c +4.7 5.40
BG Japan 123.7 131.7 −3.9 0.00
BG Technology 162.6 173.2 −1.3 1.95

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01-491 0295
American 49.0 52.5● +0.7 0.84
Australian 18.6 19.9 +0.6 2.91
Japan & General 73.5 78.7 −0.6 0.22
High Income 41.2 44.1c −1.3 8.13
International Trust 70.2 75.1 −0.7 1.15
Income Growth Tst 43.1 46.1● +0.3 4.55
Gilts & Fixed Int 18.9 20.3 .. 11.61
Global Markets 33.2 35.6 +0.7 2.11
Special Situations 40.6 43.7 +0.3 1.53

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544
America 82.9 88.1 +0.1 2.27
Aust Accum 131.8 140.2 −2.0 1.88
Do Income 94.2 100.2 −1.3 1.88
Capital 83.2 87.2● +1.3 3.29
Exempt Trust 386.8 411.4 +4.9 4.12
Extra Income 66.3 70.5 +2.0 5.78
Financial 211.0 224.4 +4.4 3.31
500 234.3 249.2● +5.6 3.42
General 127.3 135.4 +2.5 3.23
Gilt & Fixed Inc 50.8 53.1● +0.9 10.28
Japan & Gen Inc 119.0 128.5 −3.7 0.49
Do Acc 120.1 127.7 −3.8 0.49
Growth Accum 164.1 174.5 +3.1 2.68
Income Trust 297.8 316.8● +6.4 3.89
Leisure Trust 74.2 78.9● +1.3 1.65
Special Situations 126.4 134.4 +2.7 2.65
Recovery 169.2 180.0 +2.7 2.79
Trustee Fund 98.2 104.4 +2.6 3.21
Univ Tech Accum 48.7 51.8 +0.3 0.60
Do Income 48.5 51.6 +0.3 0.60
Worldwide Trust 133.6 142.1● −1.1 1.20
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc 290.9 309.4 +6.9 3.58
Do Inc 190.8 202.9 +6.0 3.58

BARING FUND MANAGERS
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01-658 9002
Australia 50.0 53.4 +0.9 0.80
Eastern 44.0 47.0c −1.3 0.80
Europe 92.3 98.7● +1.0 0.90
Growth & Inc 57.5 61.8● +1.3 2.30
Do Accum 86.8 93.3● +2.4 2.30
First Japan 59.1 63.2 −1.5 0.30
Japan Special 73.0 78.0● −2.6 0.30
Japan Sunrise 71.4 76.3 −3.7 0.30
First Smaller Co's 59.0 63.4● +0.9 2.70
First Europe 82.8 88.5 +0.3 0.80
First N Amer 48.0 51.3 .. 3.40

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
59, Gresham St, London EC2P 2DS
01-606 4433
Planned Inv 107.9 114.8 +0.7 2.13
European Inc 75.8 79.4 −0.4 1.30
Do Accum 92.6 97.1 −0.5 1.30
General Inc 157.5 168.1● +1.8 3.67
Do Accum 185.1 197.8● +2.4 3.67
Gilt Yield Inc 104.4 111.7 +1.9 9.95
Do Accum 167.8 172.7 +2.9 9.95
High Yield Inc 75.0 78.8 +1.6 6.29
Do Accum 146.1 155.5 +3.0 6.29
Japan Income 177.7 188.8 −0.5 0.30
Do Accum 178.4 189.5 −0.4 0.30
N American Inc 45.6 48.6 −0.1 1.03
Do Accum 52.7 56.1 −0.2 1.03
Pacific Income 104.1 109.6 −3.0 0.55
Do Accum 117.1 123.1 −3.3 0.55
Smlr Co's Inc 66.0 70.3 +0.7 2.27
Do Accum 77.2 82.7 +0.9 2.27

BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST
74-78 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1JD
01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9 MoneyGuide 0800-010-333
Growth Gilt 56.2 57.1 +0.3 0.65
Intl Recovery 95.5 101.9 +0.9 2.20
Smaller Co's 125.9 134.3● +2.0 1.57
UK Growth 35.5 37.8 +0.5 2.06
Extra Inc 56.0 59.7● −1.0 7.81
Gilt 25.3 26.8 +0.5 7.85
Inc & Growth 185.4 197.6 +3.8 4.44
Nat High Inc 183.3 195.5 +5.3 4.89
Pref Shares 18.4 19.6● +0.1 10.04
Commodity 128.7 137.3 −0.4 2.80
Financial Secs 40.5 43.2 +0.2 2.38
Gold & Gen 19.6 21.1 +0.8 2.90
Intl Leisure 15.8 16.8 +0.3 0.71
Prop Shares 54.5 58.1c +1.5 1.47
Univ Energy 39.8 42.5● −1.7 0.92
World Tech 43.6 46.5 .. 0.67
Amer Growth 95.8 102.2c +0.2 3.26
Amer Income 56.9 60.7 −0.2 5.91
Amer Smaller Co's 23.7 25.3 −0.1 1.88
Aust Growth 64.8 69.1 −1.0 0.51
Euro Smaller 13.0 13.9 .. 0.42
Far East 36.4 38.8 −0.9 1.23
Hong Kong Prf 23.6 25.2● −0.6 3.70
Intl Growth 31.7 33.8 −0.2 2.09
Japan Perf 44.1 47.0● −0.6 ..
Japan Smaller 13.2 14.1 +0.2 ..
Exempt 73.3 78.8 +1.9 3.92
Exempt Market 64.7 67.7 .. 4.14

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144
BS Fund Income 54.2 58.0● +0.9 4.26
Do Accum 90.8 97.2● +1.5 ..
Financial 110.4 118.7● +0.1 2.12
Growth Accum 171.2 183.2 +4.0 ..
Do Income 110.4 118.2 +2.6 2.01
High Income 59.1 63.5c +1.8 7.04
Income 68.8 74.0 +2.1 5.84
North American 57.1 61.4 +0.4 1.20
Orient 59.8 64.3 +0.3 0.20
Recovery 32.1 34.3 +1.0 3.31
Technology 133.8 143.9 −2.5 0.60
German 30.0 32.0 −0.5 2.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868
General Inc (4) 186.9 198.6 +1.9 3.65
Do Accum (4) 294.4 309.7 +3.0 3.65
Income Fund (3) 89.8 94.7 +3.2 4.83
Do Accum (3) 154.3 162.5 +5.3 4.83
Intl Inc (2) 110.2 115.1● −0.1 2.35
Do Accum (2) 145.8 152.2● +1.3 2.35
Smaller Inc (5) 937.8 1005.0 +14.8 2.77
Do Accum (5) 990.2 1061.2 +15.6 2.77

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148
CS Japan Fund 58.4 63.2 +1.0 0.34

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876
Growth 255.8 271.9 +4.8 3.23
Income 292.2 310.9 +6.0 4.79
Far East 140.8 149.2 −0.2 0.69
North American 134.6 143.2 −0.8 0.83

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
100, Old Broad St, London EC2N 1BQ
01-621 0011
Capital (3) 320.9 337.8 +6.0 1.94
Income (3) 250.8 264.1 +7.1 5.04
North American (3) 257.7 271.3 +2.1 1.46

CATER ALLEN
1, King William St, EC4N 7AU
01-623 6314
Gilt Trust 97.2 103.5● +1.9 11.73

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENG
77 London Wall EC2 1DB
01-588 1815
Inv Fund 366.05 .. 4.64
Fixed Int 132.55 .. 10.79
Deposit 11.70

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 1815
Income 328.86 c .. 5.38
Accum 931.77 .. ..

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 277719
General Equity 34.3 36.5 +0.7 ..
Equity High Income 36.3 38.7c +0.6 ..
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth 26.8 28.4 +0.5 ..
Index Securities 23.5 25.1 +0.4 ..

COUNTY BANK UNIT TRUSTS
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999
Capital Accum 256.2 272.6 +4.7 1.67
Energy Trust 41.3 43.9● +0.3 5.81
Extra Income 146.0 154.2 +1.9 5.85
Financial 134.0 142.5● +2.5 2.60
Gilt Strategy 54.2 55.8 −0.1 1.61
Growth Investment 255.9 272.2 +4.4 2.77
Income & Growth 36.7 39.0● +0.4 4.89
Japanese & Pacific 106.7 113.5 +3.3 0.01
Nth Amer Growth 96.5 102.6 +1.7 1.79
Intl Recovery 101.2 107.6● +1.1 3.04
Smaller Co's 182.5 194.1● +3.0 2.51
Global Inc Tst 51.5 54.8c +0.2 6.35

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033
High Income Trust 209.9 224.5 +6.5 5.70
Growth Trust 201.3 215.3● +5.1 3.34
American Trust 122.0 130.5 +0.2 0.77

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492
American Fund 65.7 70.3 +0.5 2.43
Capital Fund 78.1 83.5 +1.9 2.04
Growth & Inc Fund 117.5 125.7● +1.3 4.57
High Dist Fund 93.3 99.8 +1.9 6.78
International Fund 169.3 180.0 −1.8 1.25
Resources Fund 19.1 20.4 −0.9 2.20
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd 27.4 29.3 −0.3 0.10
Tokyo Fund 115.9 124.0 −2.1 0.20
(Ex) Amer (2) 133.7 136.1 +1.1 2.45
(Ex) Japan (3) 83.1 85.8 +2.4 0.28
(Ex) Pacific (4) 213.0 219.9c .. 0.10
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4) 162.8 168.1 −0.2 0.10
Eurofund 23.4 25.0 .. 4.00

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311
UK Balanced Inc 60.5 64.5 +1.7 3.10
Do Accum 60.5 64.5 +1.7 3.10
UK Growth Accum 65.3 69.5 +2.2 1.80
UK High Inc Inc 58.8 62.7 +1.4 5.56
N American Accum 61.0 65.1 +0.2 1.54
Far Eastern Accum 58.9 62.8 −0.9 0.80
European Accum 65.0 69.3 −0.4 1.26
UK Gilt & FI Inc 49.5 52.8 +0.9 9.47
Do Accum 49.5 52.8 +0.9 9.47

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5685
Equitable Pelican 68.3 72.7 +1.2 3.51
High Income Trust 65.1 69.3 +1.1 5.63

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311
UK Balanced Inc 60.5 64.5 .. 3.10
Do Accum 60.5 64.5 .. 3.10
UK Growth Accum 65.3 69.8 .. 1.80
UK High Inc Inc 58.8 62.7 .. 5.58
N American Accum 61.0 65.1 .. 1.54
Far Eastern Accum 58.9 62.8 .. 0.80
European Accum 65.0 69.3 .. 1.26
UK Gilt & FI Inc 49.5 52.8 .. 9.47
Do Accum 49.5 52.8 .. 9.47

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5685
Equitable Pelican 68.3 72.7 .. 3.51
High Income Trust 65.1 69.3 .. 5.83
Gilt & Fixed Inc 48.8 52.0● .. 9.17
Tst Of Inv Trusts 59.0 62.9● .. 1.93
Special Sits Trust 69.2 73.7 .. 2.56
Nth Amer Trust 52.9 56.3 .. 1.96
Far Eastern Trust 59.2 63.0 .. 0.86

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD
0203 553231
UK Growth Accum 134.2 142.7 .. 3.69
Do Income 118.1 125.6 .. 3.59
Higher Inc Accum 211.1 224.5 .. 5.11
Do Income 172.8 183.8 .. 5.11
Gilts/Fixed Accum 93.5 98.4c .. 2.94
Do Income 81.1 85.3c .. 2.94
Nth Amer Tst Accum 131.7 140.1 .. 0.22
Far East Tst Accum 107.2 114.0 .. 0.75
Euro Tst Accum 130.5 138.8 .. 1.01
General Trust 211.5 224.9 .. 3.02

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Poutney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680
American Fund 72.1 77.2 .. 0.27
Capital Fund 102.5 109.7 .. 0.43
Income Fund 71.0 76.0 .. 5.16
Far Eastern Fund 60.9 65.2 .. 0.42
Overseas Income 63.2 67.6 .. 4.04
Fixed Interest 53.7 57.1 .. 9.64
Natural Res Fund 45.3 48.5 .. 4.09
European Income 60.8 65.1● .. 3.77

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 362222
American 94.9 101.5 .. 0.80
Amer Equity Income 31.1 33.3● .. 5.05
Amer Special Sits 47.8 50.7 .. 0.47
Far East Inc 29.2 31.1 .. 3.56
Gilt & Fixed Int 28.6 29.8 .. 9.60
Growth & Income 88.0 94.2 .. 4.71
Japan Special Sits 30.0 32.0● .. ..
Japan Trust 86.9 92.5 .. ..
Managed Intl Tst 116.5 124.3c .. 0.29
Max Income Equity 67.1 72.2c .. 5.57
Professional Gilt 30.0 32.0● .. 2.71
South East Asia Tst 26.2 27.9 .. 0.30
Special Sits 132.1 142.1 .. 1.23

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN
01-638 5858
American Exempt £349.5 357.2 .. 1.39
Japan Exempt £268.7 287.7c .. 1.41
Am Property Tst $10795.0 .. 7.75
Property Trust £2067.0 .. 6.10

FRAMLINGTON MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181
Amer & Gen Inc 223.4 237.6 .. 0.56
Do Accum 228.4 242.8 .. 0.56
Amer Turnarnd Inc 209.2 222.4 .. 1.21
Do Accum 215.6 229.2 .. 1.21
Capital Tst Inc 182.6 194.2 .. 3.03
Do Accum 218.0 231.8 .. 3.03
Conv & Gilt Inc 80.8 83.8 .. 8.23
Do Accum 105.6 112.2 .. 8.23
Extra Inc Tst Inc 138.4 147.2● .. 4.93
Do Accum 147.4 156.8● .. 4.93
Income Trust 105.0 111.6 .. 4.58
Do Accum 109.2 116.0 .. 4.58
Intl Growth Fd Inc 151.6 161.2 .. 0.00
Do Accum 168.2 178.8 .. 0.00
Japan & Gen Inc 64.2 68.2● .. 0.18
Do Accum 64.8 68.8● .. 0.18
Monthly Inc Fd 67.4 71.6● .. 5.22
Recovery 119.4 127.0● .. 2.01
Do Accum 129.2 137.4● .. 2.01

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055
FP Equity Dist 185.4 198.1 +4.4 2.87
Do Accum 306.0 323.8 +7.3 2.87
FP Fixed Int Dist 105.2 112.5 +1.7 6.39
Do Accum 117.2 125.3 +1.9 6.39
Stewardship Dist 151.4 160.2 +2.4 2.30
Do Accum 155.7 164.7 +2.5 2.30

FUNDS IN COURT
Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2
01-405 4300
Capital 304.3 314.7 .. 3.04
Gross Inc 130.0 137.8 .. 8.49
High Yield 190.1 196.5● +6.0 6.53

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431
UK Cap Fnd Inc 88.3 92.3● +0.8 2.60
Do Accum 122.9 131.5● +1.3 2.60
Income Fund 74.0 79.2c +2.0 6.60
Pension Exempt 145.1 152.0● +2.0 2.40
International 135.3 144.8c −1.6 1.00
US & General 55.1 58.0 −0.9 1.40
Tech & Growth 66.5 71.3 −0.4 1.00
Japan & General 153.7 170.9 −3.5 0.30
Far East & Gen 74.1 79.2 −1.4 1.00
European Fund 210.4 225.1c +0.8 0.70
Germany Fund 61.1 65.4 −1.0 1.00

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806
American Trust 92.4 98.9 +1.3 0.00
Australian Trust 19.3 20.5 −0.1 0.42
British Tst Accum 51.1 54.7c +0.8 2.27
Do Dist 44.8 48.0● +0.7 2.27
Commodity Share 54.8 58.2 −0.4 1.31
European Trust 43.2 46.3● −0.1 0.71
Extra Income Trust 43.3 46.4 +1.1 5.41
Far Eastern Trust 92.3 98.7 +1.0 0.43
Fixed Interest Fund 24.6 26.2● +0.1 10.28
Gilt Trust 25.2 26.2 +0.2 10.01
Global Fund Accum 141.2 150.3 +2.1 0.28
Do Dist 134.6 143.2 +2.0 0.28
Gold Share Trust 13.0 14.9 +0.5 2.11
Hedged American 28.4 30.4 +0.6 0.10
High Income Trust 121.5 130.0● +2.2 5.62
Hong Kong Trust 26.2 28.0● −0.5 0.90
Income Fund 64.7 69.2● +1.6 3.77
Insurance Agencies £42.18 45.49 +1.23 2.22
Japan Trust 101.6 108.4 +1.7 0.00
Managed Exempt 244.0 254.2 +4.5 3.34
Oil & Energy Trust 30.7 32.7● −2.6 1.10
Special Sits Trust 80.0 86.6 +1.1 1.15
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst 61.5 66.3 +0.6 1.05

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse. 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620
Intl Growth 70.5 75.4 +1.2 1.83
American Growth 59.6 63.9 +0.1 1.62
American Inc 63.7 70.2c +0.2 6.08
European Growth 167.6 179.1 .. 0.25
Gold & Minerals 43.4 46.4 −0.1 1.83
Japan Growth 118.1 126.3 +3.8 0.20
Pacific Income 90.0 96.3 +0.5 4.07

UK Special Opps 73.6 78.1● +1.7 2.29

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9903
Gilt & Fixed Int 115.9 120.5c +2.3 9.53
Growth Equity 190.4 202.6 +4.3 2.20
Guardhill 276.3 288.3● +6.2 3.11
N American 134.2 142.8 +1.5 2.09
Pacific 158.0 168.1 −0.1 0.59
Property Shares 215.8 229.4● +8.4 1.80
Smaller Companies 185.9 197.8 +3.7 1.87
European Trust 195.2 207.7 .. 0.99

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333
High Income 49.5 53.1● +0.5 5.98
N Amer Trust 112.8 120.0 −0.4 0.82
Recovery 168.1 178.8 +2.8 2.81
Gilt Trust 36.5 37.8● +0.7 9.90
St Vincent Inc 75.2 77.6● +1.4 8.03
St Vincent US Gth 72.6 78.7● +0.5 0.78
Temple Bar Sm Co's 141.7 149.5 .. 3.85

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Premier UT Admin, 5, Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood Essex
0277 217916
Hambros Smlr Co's 107.6 114.5● +2.5 2.26
Hambros N Amer 65.5 69.7 −0.2 0.95
Hambros Jap & F E 86.8 92.1 −1.4 0.49
Hambros Scandvn 68.4 72.8 −0.3 1.06
Hambros European 85.4 90.9 −1.1 1.01
Hambros Canadian 43.0 45.7 −0.5 1.75
Hambros Equity Inc 74.7 79.5 +1.7 4.98
Hambros High Inc 52.7 56.1 +1.1 5.99
Hambros Res Assts 52.6 56.0● +1.3 3.17

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION
Premier UT Administration 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex
0277-217238
Special Sits Inc 115.1 123.2c .. 1.06
Do Accum 161.7 173.0c .. 1.06
Recovery Trust 86.6 92.7● .. 2.82
Capital Growth Inc 51.2 54.8 .. 2.34
Do Accum 58.5 62.6 .. 2.34
Income Assets 98.1 105.5● .. 4.24
Financial Trust 120.0 128.4 .. 2.43
Income & Growth Inc 127.8 137.4 .. 3.16
Do Accum 245.4 263.9 .. 3.16
High Income Trust 153.8 164.8● .. 4.99
Extra Income 143.0 153.8c .. 5.05
Smaller Cos Div 89.1 95.3● .. 5.68
Pref & Gilt 45.0 48.2c .. 10.30
Gilt Trust 41.7 44.2● .. 9.54
Fixed Interest Trust 53.0 56.7c .. 9.83
Global Healthcare 80.3 85.9 .. 0.01
Global Tech 105.8 111.9● .. 0.22
Gold 41.9 44.8c .. 1.50
International 150.1 161.4 .. 0.37
Global Resources 65.1 69.7● .. 1.82
Worldwide (5) 322.4 339.4 .. 3.54
Australian 62.6 67.0 .. 0.84
European 203.4 214.1 .. 0.80
Euro Smaller Cos 73.4 77.3 .. 0.09
Japan Trust 105.9 112.5● .. 0.48
Japan Special Sits 108.7 115.2 .. 0.01
Pacific Smaller Cos 58.3 61.8 .. 0.60
Singapore & Malay 24.9 26.9● .. 2.26
North American 135.5 145.3● .. 0.45
Amer Smaller Cos 49.7 53.7 .. 0.01
Amer Recovery Tst 117.8 127.2 .. 1.39
High Income Exempt 108.9 114.6c .. 5.53
Smaller Cos Exempt 108.1 111.7 .. 2.95
Euro Exempt (5) 97.5 102.6 .. 1.63
Japan Exempt (5) 101.4 108.7● .. 0.99
N Amer 84.5 89.9 .. 1.17
Global Tech Ex (5) 87.8 92.2 .. 0.15
Pacific Exempt (5) 146.6 153.7 .. 1.26

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Beech St, EC2P 2LX
01-628 8011
British Trust Units 490.2 521.5 .. 3.24
Capital Trust Units 90.7 96.5● .. 3.02
Dollar Trust Units 177.9 189.2 .. 3.11
European Trust 103.3 109.9● .. 0.90
Far East Trust 95.1 102.3 .. 2.32
Financial Trust 339.9 362.1 .. 2.61
Gilt Fixed Int Inc 28.0 29.1c .. 10.06
Do Growth 39.6 41.9● .. 3.34
High Yield Trust 59.4 60.0 .. 5.76
Income Trust 71.3 75.9 .. 6.15
International 107.6 114.5● .. 3.06
Japan Tech Tst 30.0 32.0● .. 0.46
Natural Resources 29.4 31.3 .. 2.43
Security Trust 167.7 178.5 .. 3.21
Smaller Cos 72.1 76.8 .. 1.70
Special Sits 86.5 92.1● .. 2.65

IBI FUND MANAGERS
32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB
01-222 1000
IBI Bdt & O'seas 122.0 129.8 +0.5 1.90
IBI High Income 54.4 57.3 .. 9.00
IBI Security Gilt 54.9 57.8 +0.3 2.00
Investment Tst Fnd 61.4 64.7 +0.2 3.50

KLEINWORT BENSON
20, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 8000
Amer Growth Inc 61.9 65.6● −0.9 1.12
Do Accum 63.3 67.1● −0.9 ..
Fund Inv Tst Inc 17.1 18.6c −0.5 2.74
Do Accum 21.5 23.2s −0.7 ..
High Yield Inc 113.7 120.5 +2.0 5.81
Do Accum 169.7 194.7 +3.0 ..
Intl Recovery Inc 87.0 92.3 +0.6 1.70
Do Accum 91.1 96.6 +0.6 ..
Japan Growth Inc 65.7 70.3 −0.6 ..
Do Accum 65.9 70.5 −0.6 ..
Smaller Co's Inc 134.4 145.2 +2.0 2.08
Do Accum 174.0 187.9 +2.6 ..
UK Eq Growth Inc 25.3 26.8c +0.2 1.66
Do Accum 41.6 44.1s +0.4 ..
Worldwide Tech Inc 39.8 42.4● .. 0.03
Do Accum 39.9 42.7 +0.2 ..

L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
Percy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE
01-588 2800
Income Fund 377.1 384.8● .. 5.70
International & Gen 218.2 222.7● .. 0.88

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex
0277 234634
Equity Distribution 250.1 267.5c .. 2.28
Do Accum 387.8 413.9c .. 2.28
Do Income 54.4 58.2● .. 5.15
European 59.7 63.9● .. 1.30
Far Eastern 60.2 64.4 .. 0.62
Gilt Trust 71.8 75.8 .. 8.18
Int Managed 66.7 71.3 .. 1.28
Natural Res 45.3 48.5 .. 3.63
N American Trust 69.5 74.3● .. 3.71
UK Special Sits 54.4 58.2 .. 2.32

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex
0444 459144
Balanced 167.5 178.1 .. 3.20
Do Accum 285.0 315.5 .. 3.20
Energy Intl 45.2 48.5● .. 4.00
Do Accum 49.8 53.2 .. 4.00
Extra Income 141.0 150.7 .. 5.62
Do Accum 249.0 266.3 .. 5.62
German Gth Inc 57.5 61.4 .. 0.33
Do Accum 57.5 61.4 .. 0.33
Income 238.4 254.9 .. 4.75
Do Accum 462.5 494.6 .. 4.75
Intl Tech 168.3 180.0 .. 0.89
Do Accum 175.8 187.8 .. 0.59
Japan Growth 52.1 55.7 .. 0.02
Do Accum 52.1 55.7 .. 0.02
N Amer & Gen 96.6 103.3● .. 1.07
Do Accum 103.9 111.1 .. 1.07
Pacific Basin 94.8 101.2● .. 0.39
Do Accum 99.0 105.6● .. 0.39
Smaller Cos & Rec 161.9 173.1 .. 2.00
Do Accum 180.3 192.8 .. 2.00
Worldwide Growth 162.7 174.0 .. 1.23
Do Accum 207.8 243.6 .. 1.23

LLOYDS LIFE UNIT TRUST
20, Clifton St, London EC2A 4HX
01-920 0311
Equity Dist 101.3 107.8 .. 1.64
Do Accum 141.2 150.3 .. 1.64
Gilt Trust 48.8 51.4 .. 4.86
Do Accum 52.2 55.0 .. 4.86
High Income Dist 78.9 85.1 .. 4.99
Do Accum 81.7 87.8 .. 4.99
US Growth 53.2 56.7c .. 1.16
Do Accum 53.5 57.1c .. 1.16

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 52155
General Trust 39.2 42.0 .. 3.80
Income Trust 32.8 35.1c .. 6.50
International Trust 28.2 30.2 .. 1.00

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ
01-626 4588
Amer & Gen Inc 213.1 225.9● .. 1.76
Do Accum 247.1 261.9● .. 1.76
Amer Recovery 240.1 254.5 .. 1.87
Do Accum 260.3 275.9 .. 1.87
Am Smaller Cos 57.8 61.3● .. 1.03
Do Accum 58.9 62.4● .. 1.03
Aust & Gen Inc 69.3 74.2● .. 1.06
Do Accum 75.5 80.8● .. 1.06
Comm & Gen Inc 152.1 162.7● .. 3.14
Do Accum 198.4 212.3● .. 3.14
Compound Growth 363.1 390.7 .. 3.40
Conversion Growth 295.5 316.2● .. 2.71
Do Inc 163.0 172.6● .. 6.77
Dividend Fund Inc 353.8 381.4 .. 5.11
Do Accum £10.30 11.01 .. 5.11
European & General 164.8 174.7 .. 1.29
Do Accum 196.2 208.0 .. 1.29
Extra Yield Inc 192.7 204.3 .. 6.05
Do Accum 408.1 430.5 .. 6.05
Far Eastern Inc 109.6 117.2c .. 2.01
Do Accum 132.3 141.6 .. 2.01
Fund Of Inv Inc 212.6 225.4 .. 2.85
Do Acc 330.5 350.3 .. 2.85
General Income 540.7 573.1● .. 4.09
Do Accum £11.31 11.99● .. 4.09
Gilt & Fixed Int 57.0 59.9● .. 9.61
Do Accum 65.1 69.4 .. 9.61
Gold Income 40.8 44.1● .. 2.91
Do Accum 42.9 46.3 .. 2.91
High Income Inc 276.8 293.4 .. 5.58
Do Accum 734.1 778.1 .. 5.58
Intl Growth Inc 671.7 718.7● .. 2.29
Do Accum £10.71 11.46● .. 2.29
Intl Inc Inc 54.4 57.7 .. 5.23
Japan & Gen Inc 549.9 585.6 .. 0.06
Do Accum 588.9 627.2 .. 0.06
Japan Smaller Acc 72.9 77.8 .. 0.01
Midland & Gen Inc 480.4 509.2 .. 4.38
Do Accum £11.78 12.49 .. 4.38
Recovery Fund Inc 297.6 315.5 .. 3.38
Do Accum 381.6 404.5 .. 3.38
Second Gen Inc 608.9 645.5 .. 3.69
Do Accum £11.89 12.61 .. 3.69
Smaller Cos Inc 580.1 620.7● .. 2.78
Do Accum 905.5 968.9● .. 2.78
Trustee Fund Inc 402.8 431.0 .. 4.30
Do Accum £11.37 12.17 .. 4.30
Charibond Inc (3) 108.7 ● .. 11.74
Do Accum (3) 321.4 ● .. 11.74
Charifund Inc (2) 334.5 338.0● .. 8.15
Do Accum (2) 862.5 871.2● .. 8.15
Pension Exempt (1) 406.8 425.2 .. 4.73
NAACIF Inc (3) 34.8 ● .. 9.08
Do Accum (3) 407.1 ● .. 9.08

MIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
11, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YR
01-623 4273
Equity Exempt 358.5 374.4 +8.0 2.71
Do Accum 448.1 468.0 +10.0 2.71
UK Market Features 60.3 64.3 −0.2 2.16
Do Accum 61.5 65.6 −0.3 2.16
Japan Performance 93.5 99.7 +0.5 0.14
Do Accum 93.7 100.0 +0.4 0.14
US Special Features 62.4 66.5 −0.1 0.84
Do Accum 62.5 67.1 −0.3 0.84
Gold & Precious Met 40.5 44.0c −0.2 1.96
Do Accum 41.5 45.1c −0.2 1.96
US Special Inc 54.7 58.3● −0.3 5.27
Do Accum 58.0 61.9● −0.3 5.27
European Perf Inc 68.2 72.5c +0.5 0.96
Do Accum 68.2 72.5c +0.5 0.96

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX
0622 674751
MLA General 30.5 32.3 +1.0 2.31
MLA International 48.4 49.1 +0.1 1.07
MLA Gilt Unit 22.3 23.6● +0.3 11.01
MLA Income 35.2 37.3● +0.5 5.36
MLA European 25.3 26.8 +0.4 0.93

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT
St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts
0438 356101
Growth Units 66.4 70.6 +1.0 3.18
Gilt & Fixed Int 102.4 105.0● +2.8 8.74
High Income Units 100.6 106.6 +1.5 6.03
High Yield Gilt Unit 52.1 53.9● +0.6 10.29
Intl Growth Units 104.7 111.3 −0.4 0.35
N American Units 65.5 69.6 −0.9 0.58
Far East Units 73.5 78.1 −0.7 0.82
Smaller Cos Fund 59.8 63.6 +1.1 1.78

MENCAP UNIT TRUST
Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7
01-534 5544
Mencap 122.9 130.7 +3.4 4.46

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS
01-280 2860
Amer Growth 92.9 98.8 −0.1 1.63
Do Accum 96.1 102.2 −0.1 1.63
Amer Income 47.4 50.4 +0.3 5.09
Do Accum 48.5 51.5 +0.3 5.09
European Growth 105.2 111.9 −0.6 1.46
Do Accum 108.1 114.9 −0.8 1.46
General 226.7 241.1c +6.6 2.19
Do Accum 365.1 388.3c +10.6 2.19
Gilt 81.7 82.5 +1.7 8.27
Gilt & Fixed Accum 89.5 90.4 +1.9 8.27
Income 72.9 77.5c +1.2 4.50
Do Accum 78.8 83.3c +1.4 4.50
International 199.6 212.3 −2.4 1.27
Do Accum 246.3 262.0 −3.0 1.27
Japan 107.1 113.9● −2.2 0.02
Do Accum 109.2 116.1● −2.2 0.02
Recovery 168.3 179.0 +6.2 2.61
Do Accum 178.0 189.3 +6.5 2.61
Exempt Dist 206.0 214.4● +6.0 2.60
Exempt Accum 318.1 327.6● +12.2 2.60

MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD
0742 79842
Capital Income 73.9 77.8 .. 2.50
Do Accum 98.5 105.1 .. 2.50
Commodity & Gen 109.2 116.5 .. 3.10
Do Accum 151.2 161.3 .. 3.10
Extra High Inc 53.8 57.3 .. 8.32
Do Accum 60.7 64.8 .. 8.32
Gilt & Fixed Inc 51.9 54.1c .. 9.74
Do Accum 81.7 84.3● .. 9.74
High Yield 136.5 145.5 .. 5.98
Do Accum 226.5 241.5 .. 5.98
Income 154.7 165.0● .. 3.92
Do Accum 251.8 268.6● .. 3.92
Japan & Pacific 190.7 203.4c .. 0.23
Do Accum 199.7 213.0c .. 0.23
N American Inc 101.0 107.0 .. 1.22
Do Accum 120.2 128.2 .. 1.22
Euro Gth Inc 96.0 102.4 .. 1.26
Do Accum 115.1 122.4 .. 1.26
Smaller Cos Inc 92.3 98.4● .. 2.67
Do Accum 97.8 104.1● .. 2.67

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH
041 221 9252
American 105.1 112.2● .. 3.80
European 192.1 205.1 .. 1.29
Smaller Cos 174.0 185.7 .. 2.09

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200 Ext 289
NPI UK 182.6 194.3 .. 3.10
Do Accum 291.9 310.6 .. 3.10
NPI Overseas 508.1 540.6c .. 1.10
Do Accum 617.7 657.2c .. 1.10
Far East Acc 58.9 62.7● .. 0.30
Do Dist 58.9 62.7● .. 0.30
American Acc 54.5 58.1 .. 1.30
Do Dist 54.2 57.7 .. 1.30

NORWICH UNION
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG
0603 622200
Group Trust £10.50 11.05● .. 4.04
Intl Trust 116.5 122.6 .. 1.63

OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE
dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0
International Growth 123.9 132.5 .. 0.90
Income & Growth 50.9 54.2 .. 3.00
Special Sits 70.5 75.4 .. 4.40
American Growth 32.5 34.8c .. 0.70
Japan Growth 41.1 44.0 .. ..
European Growth 52.8 56.5● .. 1.20
UK Growth 48.5 51.9 .. 0.80
Pacific Growth 35.7 38.2 .. 0.10
High Income 29.3 31.4 .. 8.30
Practical Income 47.0 50.0 .. 2.30
Do Accum 84.5 89.9 .. 2.30

PEARL TRUST
252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB
01-405 8441
Growth Fund Inc 79.5 84.6 +1.5 2.69
Do Accum 117.5 125.0 +2.2 2.69
Income Fund 108.3 113.1 +1.9 4.41
Intl Equity Inc 109.2 116.2 −0.3 1.72
Do Accum 109.2 116.2 −0.3 1.72
Unit Trust Inc 113.4 120.6 +2.5 3.46
Do Accum 194.1 206.5 +4.1 3.46

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames
0491 576868
Intl Growth 238.2 255.6 +2.7 1.30
Income 170.5 182.6 +4.6 5.14
Worldwide Rec 135.3 145.2● +2.8 1.94
Amer Growth 66.6 71.5● +0.4 1.02
Intl Emerg Co's 71.6 76.9 +0.2 0.67
Far East Grwth 58.3 62.6 +0.6 1.10

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2
01-247 7544/7
International 96.4 103.7 +1.7 1.47
High Income 158.3 167.9 +3.2 4.37
Conv Gilt 85.7 90.9● +0.2 5.92
Far Eastern 125.6 135.0 −0.6 0.32
North American 132.6 142.6 +2.5 2.17
Special Sits 176.6 187.3 +2.2 1.01
Technology 111.6 119.4 +0.5 0.69
Extra Income 74.4 78.9 +1.6 5.06

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL
01-478 3377
Holborn Equity 368.4 392.9 +7.1 3.39
European 71.3 75.8 +0.1 0.95
Holborn Comms 50.9 54.1 +0.2 3.07
Holborn High Inc 59.7 63.5 +1.1 6.85
Holborn Intl 83.0 88.2● +0.2 0.76
Japanese 66.5 70.7● −0.5 0.09
N American 62.1 66.0 +0.3 1.72
Holborn Spec Sits 56.2 59.7 +0.9 3.16
Holborn UK Growth 74.5 79.0● +1.9 3.09
Holborn Gilt Trust 162.3 169.2 +2.1 9.05

QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH
01-600 4177
Quadrant General 381.6 406.2 +8.7 3.23
Quadrant Income 210.4 223.9 +5.5 5.93
Quadrant Intl Fd 350.3 368.8 +3.0 1.20
Quadrant Recovery 229.2 243.9 +6.7 3.06

RM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT
St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU
01-280 5456
NC America Inc 257.2 273.8 +1.4 1.11
Do Accum 276.7 294.3 +1.6 1.11
NC Energy Res 140.0 148.9 −3.1 2.82
NC Income 81.1 86.2 +2.6 4.09
NC Japan 136.0 144.6● −1.1 0.03
NC Smaller Cos 122.4 130.2c +1.8 2.35
NC Smlr Europ Co's 143.1 152.2 +0.8 0.40
NC Exempt Gilt £116.0 121.0 +2.0 7.38
NC Amer Prop $11.67 12.18 .. ..
NC Property 186.5 196.3 .. ..

ROWAN UNIT TRUST
33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS
01-638 5678
American (4) 215.0 219.0 −3.3 2.60
Securities (2) 640.0 655.0● +34.0 2.70
High Yield (6) 145.5 149.0 +7.5 5.96
Merlin (6) 350.0 358.0● +7.0 2.11
Fixed Interest 158.5 159.5 +3.0 2.68
High Interest 118.0 119.0 +1.8 12.81
Far East (2) 181.5 185.0 −5.5 0.30

ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS
051-227 4422
Equity Trust 59.4 60.0 +1.4 2.80
Intl Trust 62.3 66.2● −0.3 1.28
Gilt Trust 25.3 26.8 −0.5 8.66
US Trust 29.7 31.5 .. 1.53
Pacific Basin Tst 30.0 31.9 −0.4 0.66

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 576115
American Growth 78.6 83.7● −0.4 0.93
Capital Accum 163.7 174.2 +2.7 2.30
Gilt Income 51.4 54.2 +1.4 9.29
High Income 66.7 71.0● +0.8 5.73
Income & Growth 83.9 89.3● +2.8 4.79
Japan Growth 62.1 66.1 −0.5 0.08
Special Sits 92.0 98.7 +2.4 1.56

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
68-73, Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX
(Romford) 0708-66966 Or (Edin) 031-226 7351
Amer Inc & Growth 83.0 88.5 +0.2 7.47
Capital Units 93.5 100.0 −0.2 2.47
Commodity 47.3 50.5c +0.1 1.39
Energy Inds 43.3 46.3● −0.9 3.85
European Growth 53.3 57.0 −0.4 0.91
Exempt Inc Bnd 71.6 75.7● .. 5.66
Do Intl (43) 57.6 60.7 .. 2.00
Exploration 36.8 39.1● −0.5 1.07
Financial Secs 83.8 89.5 +1.3 2.30
Gilt & FI Inc 52.6 55.4 +1.3 11.20
High Return Units 159.4 170.4● +6.5 6.22
High Yield Units 150.3 160.7 +3.7 4.83
Income Units 86.6 92.6● +2.0 5.25
Investment Trust 77.3 82.6 +0.7 2.74
International 104.8 111.2 −2.1 3.66
Japan Growth 89.9 95.1 −1.6 ..
Japan Smaller Cos 96.5 103.2 −0.6 ..
Masterfund 25.1 26.8 +0.3 3.10
New Technology 95.4 102.6 +0.5 ..
SE Asia Growth 91.9 98.2 −2.3 1.85
Scotbits 113.0 120.5● +1.7 2.91
Scotshares 145.6 155.9 +6.9 4.49
Scotyields 143.2 153.1c +4.6 4.43
Select International 88.3 70.9 −0.2 1.40
Smaller Co's Inc 134.0 143.3 +2.8 5.16
Special Situations 83.6 88.7 +2.0 2.19
UK Equity 164.0 175.4● +4.2 2.26
US Growth 71.7 76.6c +0.5 1.85
Universal Growth 74.6 79.7 +0.1 1.96

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST
Enterprise House, Portsmouth
0705 827733
American Inc 119.9 128.2 +0.4 1.59
Do Accum 122.3 130.7 +0.4 1.59
Australian Inc 58.5 63.0● −0.8 1.95
Do Accum 62.8 67.5● −0.9 1.95
European Inc 92.8 99.2 +0.4 1.22
Do Accum 95.1 101.7 +0.4 1.22
Gilt & Fixed Inc 51.5 54.5● +1.1 9.89
Do Accum 78.7 80.9● +1.5 9.89
Gold Fund Inc 33.5 35.8 +0.5 4.05
Do Accum 34.9 37.3 +0.5 4.05
Income 158.9 164.5 +4.4 5.11
Do Accum 337.9 361.3 +8.5 5.11
Intl Income 95.2 101.8 −0.7 0.78
Do Accum 131.4 140.5 −0.9 0.78
Jap Smlr Co's Ac 102.2 109.3● +0.2 0.10
Singapore & Malay 47.2 50.4 .. 1.39
Do Accum 48.2 51.5 +0.1 1.39
Smaller Co's Inc 114.8 122.7 +1.9 1.61
Do Accum 119.7 128.0 +0.9 1.61
Special Sits Inc 92.6 99.0 +1.9 1.40
Do Accum 95.8 102.4 +2.0 1.40
Tokyo Fund Inc 163.8 184.4 −2.3 0.27
Do Accum 154.9 165.6 −2.3 0.27
US Smaller Co's Ac 54.1 57.8 +0.8 0.24
UK Equity Inc 93.9 100.4● +3.0 3.22
Do Accum 143.8 153.5● +4.6 3.22
Recovery 679.0 725.1● .. 2.75
Special Exempt 105.7 113.0a +2.6 1.69
Pensions & Charity 514.1 549.8● +61.8 3.58

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE
28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh
031-556 9101
Intl Income Units 134.5 143.1 +3.2 3.39
Do Accum 198.2 210.8 +4.8 3.39

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh
031 225 2211
UK Equity 162.4 173.7 +5.1 2.02
American 142.1 152.0 +0.7 1.36
Pacific 127.1 136.0 −2.5 0.07
European 187.1 200.2 +0.9 0.72

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041-248 6100
UK Equity 154.2 164.0 +4.1 2.89
Gilt & Fixed 107.6 114.7 +2.1 8.57
UK Smlr Co's Eq 127.2 135.3 +2.7 2.20
European 158.3 168.3 +1.2 1.80
N American 104.1 110.7 +0.7 1.92
Pacific 117.2 124.7 −1.4 1.76

SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST
29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031-226 4372
Pacific 41.8 43.9 −0.4 0.40
World Growth 31.4 33.6 −0.4 0.80
N American 33.2 35.6 −0.1 0.38
Income Fund 40.2 43.1● +1.3 5.33

SCOTTISH WIDOWS
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031-655 6000
Peg Eq Inc 209.3 222.7 +5.0 3.13
Do Accum 239.0 254.4 +5.7 3.13

SENTINEL FUND MANAGEMENT
30, City Road, London EC1Y 2AY
01-638 6011
Amer Tech & Gen 100.3 107.3 +1.8 0.10
Pacific 131.8 141.0 −2.1 0.89
Sec Income Fnd 152.9 163.6● +2.6 5.15
Special Situations 182.4 195.2 +4.8 1.82
Energy & Res 24.9 26.8 +0.2 0.10
American Majors 67.5 72.2 +0.2 2.50
Small Co's 33.5 35.8c +0.1 2.05
Japan Tech & Gen 70.3 75.2 −2.2 0.10
International Income 63.0 66.7● +0.6 6.00
Exempt 498.5 531.3 .. 2.56
UK General 26.8 28.7 +1.3 3.10

SIMON & COATES
1, London Wall Bldgs, London EC2M 5PT
01-588 3644 Ext 357
Special Sits (5) 47.2 50.2 +0.7 1.52

STANDARD LIFE
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
031 225 2552
Income Units 227.5 243.8 +5.8 3.16
Do Accum Units 249.2 267.1 +6.1 3.16

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031-226 3271
American Fund 208.9 223.5 +0.2 2.15
Do Accum 235.7 251.9 +0.2 2.15
Do Withdrawal 168.8 181.8 +0.2 2.15
Australian Fund 112.7 120.0 −1.7 0.97
Do Accum 113.8 121.3 −1.7 0.97
British Fund 521.2 555.1c +6.9 4.32
Do Accum 693.7 738.9c +11.8 4.32
European Fund 236.5 251.9 +0.9 0.96
Do Accum 249.0 265.3 +0.9 0.96
Japan Fund 237.3 252.7c −5.8 0.40
Do Accum 238.0 253.4c −5.9 0.40
Sakes PPP 145.6 154.4 +3.1

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex
0403 56293
Equity Trust Acc 355.7 378.4 +6.1 2.44
N Am Trust Acc 54.7 58.1 +0.1 1.48
Far East Trust Acc 60.2 64.0 −1.2 1.30

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
PO Box 3, Keens Hse, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG
0264 62188 Dealings 0264 6432
American Inc 109.3 116.3 +1.3 0.95
Do Accum 113.8 121.1 +1.4 0.95
Extra Income Inc 97.3 103.6● +1.5 5.66
Do Accum 113.8 121.1● +2.3 5.66
General Unit Inc 145.0 154.3● +2.8 2.84
Do Accum 236.0 251.1● +4.6 2.84
Gilt & Fixed Inc 46.6 48.6● +0.9 9.11
Do Accum 59.9 62.4● +1.1 9.11
Income 194.0 206.4 +3.8 4.88
Accum 297.2 316.6 +5.9 4.88
Pacific Inc 120.6 128.3 −2.0 0.73
Do Accum 123.6 131.5 −2.0 0.73
Intl Inc 289.3 305.0 −0.1 1.80
Do Accum 329.3 350.4 −0.1 1.80
Selected Opps Inc 54.6 58.0 +0.8 1.90
Do Accum 59.3 63.1 +1.0 1.90
Natural Res 43.4 46.2 −0.4 2.33
Do Accum 44.2 47.1 −0.5 2.33

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks
0296 5941
Amer Eagle 73.7 78.6 +0.5 0.44
Australian 20.1 21.5● −0.6 0.10
Commodity 72.2 77.8 −0.8 2.27
Energy 31.9 34.2● −1.5 1.50
Equity 113.9 122.4 +0.8 2.99
European Spec Sits 81.5 86.2 −0.8 0.28
Extra Income 100.3 107.5● −0.4 6.42
Financial 236.4 251.9c +1.9 2.00
Gilt Income 98.5 103.3● +0.2 8.64
Gold Income 59.1 63.5 +1.6 1.85
Do Accum 107.5 115.0 +2.8 1.85
Income 76.2 80.4c +2.0 4.79
Japan 63.1 67.4 +0.4 0.10
Malay & Singapore 19.4 20.7 +0.4 1.35
Pacific Inc 70.9 75.6 −0.3 0.09
Do Reinvest 87.0 92.7 +0.1 0.09
Pref Share Fd 18.2 77.4● +0.2 10.29
UK Capital 58.2 62.4a +1.0 2.13
Special Sits 78.5 83.5● −0.4 0.97
Technology 46.8 49.8● +1.3 0.10
Worldwide Income 48.3 52.5 −0.6 7.20
Worldwide Capital 127.0 135.7● +1.5 1.85
Equity Ex (3) 67.9 72.8 +0.8 2.12
Do Accum (3) 127.3 136.1 +1.5 2.12

3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01 928-3356
Smaller Co's 69.3 73.7 +1.8 0.10

TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT
01-248 1250
American Growth 34.7 37.0c +1.0 0.79
General Growth 47.6 61.2 +1.3 2.72
Global Tech 38.1 40.8 +0.8 0.10
Income Growth 54.5 58.0 +1.4 4.94
Income Monthly 42.9 45.9● +0.7 8.66
Japan Growth 29.0 30.9 −0.4 0.18
O'seas Growth 38.8 41.7 −0.2 1.39
Smaller Cos 52.8 56.2 +0.7 1.80
Special Opps 57.5 61.2● +1.7 1.77

TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES
91-99, New London Rd, Chelmsford
0245 51651
Colemco Inc (5) 414.3 432.6 +2.0 4.02
Do Accum (5) 675.6 705.5 +3.3 4.02
Fielding Fund (4) 220.1 231.7 +3.0 3.35
Do Accum (4) 240.9 253.6 +3.2 3.35
Fldng Am & Gen (4) 219.5 231.1● +0.6 1.35
Do Accum (4) 249.5 262.1● +0.6 1.35
Fielding Inc Fund (4) 155.0 163.2 +2.7 5.18
S & W Amer (3) 149.7 157.4 +1.4 0.98
S & W Smlr Secs 117.0 123.2 +4.1 0.85

TYNDALL MANAGERS
18, Canynge Rd, Bristol
0272 732241
Australian 59.2 63.4 −1.4 1.43
Do Acc 61.2 65.5 −1.4 1.43
Capital 298.2 318.3● +8.3 3.80
Do Accum 526.8 560.7● +14.6 3.80
Exempt 255.9 272.6● +6.5 6.49
Do Accum 575.2 612.6● +14.7 6.49
Far Eastern 133.1 142.4c −4.3 0.89
Do Accum 142.9 152.9c −4.6 0.89
Fin & Prop 46.6 49.7● +0.8 3.94
Do Accum 72.3 77.0● +1.2 3.94
Gilt Capital 117.4 122.0c +1.8 8.96
Do Accum 131.9 137.1c +2.1 8.96
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Do Accum 627.8 666.8c +17.3 5.98
Intl Earnings 152.8 162.8 +4.8 2.89
Do Accum 220.7 235.1 +6.4 2.89
Intl Growth 68.6 74.2 −0.6 0.90
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Natural Resources 160.7 171.2 −1.3 2.45
Do Accum 229.0 243.9 −1.9 2.45
N Amer Growth 117.3 125.5● −0.1 0.94
Do Acc 136.0 145.5● −0.1 0.94
Pref 108.1 115.2 +0.2 11.31
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Do Accum 54.3 57.9● −0.1 6.59
Smaller Cos 166.6 177.7● +2.0 2.67
Do Accum 221.9 236.4● +2.5 2.67
Special Sits 91.5 97.5 +2.4 1.31
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European Growth 87.3 93.0c +0.3 1.36

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Pacific Basin 108.4 114.9 −3.4 ..
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Do Accum 241.6 257.1 +2.3 2.32
High Yield 185.1 197.0● +3.2 4.52
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Trustee 117.8 126.3 +1.7 3.77
Do Accum 176.8 187.8 +2.9 3.77
Amer & Gen 54.9 58.5 −0.1 1.22
Master Portfolio (4) £54.64 58.05 +1.22 3.42
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01-929 1532
American Trust 64.9 69.8 −0.3 1.90
Far East & Gen 68.0 72.3 −8.2 1.40
Intl Growth 57.5 61.3 +0.6 1.60
Income Trust 71.8 77.3 +1.6 5.60
Japan Growth 74.6 80.2 −0.2 0.20
Small Companies 118.7 128.7● +2.6 2.80
Technology 34.3 36.9 −1.0 0.20
Australia 41.1 44.2● −1.9 1.50
UK Trust 120.9 129.7 +3.7 2.50
European Growth 43.1 45.9 +0.7 1.20
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TEMPUS

Berisford gives out a warning with figures

S & W Berisford, the commodity trader, finally got round to publishing its results for the year ending last September yesterday.

Though the company says it was held up by the tin crisis, it is also possible that the delay reflects difficulties with the auditor, Spicer & Pegler.

Yesterday's preliminary figures were unaudited, and the company warns that when it does appear the report may be qualified. Until then shareholders should reserve judgement.

The crucial question is whether Berisford has provided enough money to cover any loss resulting from the tin fiasco.

Yesterday it revealed a provision of £10 million, based on the amount it would have to put into Newco, the company which it is proposed will take on the obligations of the International Tin Council.

But if Newco is not set up, Berisford would have larger losses to cover. In addition to an open position of 7,660 tonnes, worth £62 million at the suspension price, it has lent £15 million to the buffer stock manager.

Yesterday shareholders learned that a further £19 million had been provided against the Erlanger Tubular business which was sold two years ago.

The consideration for Erlanger was in the form of a promissory note which was to be repaid by selling stock. Estimates of the value of that stock have proved wildly overoptimistic, thus the writedown.

Above the line the figures were also disappointing. Pretax profits were down from £80.2 million to £52.9 million despite a maiden contribution of £7 million from NGI, the new American acquisition, and £4 million profit on the sale of property.

Berisford made losses on sugar and tea trading, and cocoa profits were well down. British Sugar's results were also depressed. But the bull market in coffee was of some benefit.

Perhaps most worrying was a £13 million increase in the interest charge to £68 million. At the year end borrowings stood at £637 million, including £200 million of trade finance. There is also off-balance sheet finance of £120 million. That compares with shareholders' funds of £365 million.

The company claims not be worried about its balance sheet but it has had talks with several companies, including Hillsdown Holdings, about selling British Sugar.

That and the maintained dividend added 10p to the share price yesterday, taking it to 166p. Until an offer emerges or the audit report appears, however, sentiment is likely to be the main support.

Vickers

Berisford's slowness is to be sharply contrasted with Vickers' speed. Yesterday Vickers produced its figures for the year to December 31 and they were audited. What is more, the results were excellent, with profits up from £30.8 million to £45.1 million before tax.

This is the second successive good year, and the market was quick to adjust to the news with a 35p lift in the share price to 403p. Now Vickers faces the problem of keeping up the momentum. Although there is further scope in some of its existing business, notably Rolls-Royce cars and the medical, marine and office equipment divisions, Vickers is increasingly looking to acquisitions for growth. Last year's purchases probably contributed £3 million before interest, but the effect should be more noticeable this year.

With a stronger share price and gearing down to 17 per cent, Vickers can afford further expansion, and it is particularly keen to increase overseas sales, already running at 60 per cent.

While the market may be keen to see the quality of the purchase before completing the rerating, these results should be enough to sustain confidnce for some time.

McAlpine

After the disappointing interim results, Sir Alfred McAlpine's full-year figures pleased the market and the shares gained 16p to 352p, despite a much higher tax charge which dragged earnings down from 45.4p to 38.9p.

The collapse of the rand knocked almost £1.75 million off the contribution from South Africa, but the company's timely withdrawal from that troubled country — at the guaranteed sterling price of £19.5 million — will mean a pleasing postscript to this year's figures, with an extraordinary profit on disposal of about £15 million.

The company is losing no time in reinvesting these proceeds in its chosen area for expansion, the United States. The minerals division is planning to add to its Alabaman interests in sand and gravel with a $12.5 million (£8.5 million) purchase of a larger operation in the Carolinas.

In the homes division, McAlpine recently agreed the $4 million purchase of a New Hampshire house-building company, K&B Construction, to add to its Moore Homes interests.

Construction moved ahead from £9.2 million to £11.8 million, but included a £1.7 million turnround in overseas activities. Profits in the UK improved by about £900,000 on turnover of £255 million, but whereas the forward workload is much the same as a year ago, recent tenders have given the company hope that the outlook is improving

The "really strong performance" hoped for a year ago for the minerals division failed to materialize because of the bad UK first half and the lower South African contribution, and profits fell £1 million to £7.5 million. This year will have the benefit of a full year from the Tulloch acquisition but, with a heavier internal interest charge, the division will be hard pushed to match that.

The strongest growth this year should come from the homes division, where profits advanced by £300,000 to £2.9 million. Assuming the tax charge reverts to a more normal 35 per cent, pretax profits of £26 million this year would mean that the shares are selling at about 7.5 times prospective earnings and offering a likely yield of 5.7 per cent. Up from 248p at the time of the interim results, that looks high enough.

COMPANY NEWS

● TNT: For the half-year to Dec. 31, 1985, a quarterly dividend of 4 cents is being paid on March 28, making 7 cents (6 cents). The directors intend to pay 14 cents for the full year (12 cents last time). Turnover Aus $1,423.37 million (about £694 million), against Aus $1,062.93 million. Pretax profit Aus $84.2 million (Aus. $59.56 million). Earnings per share 19.1 cents (12.9 cents). Net tangible asset backing per stock unit at Dec. 31, 1985, was 101 cents (101 cents). The board reports that the operating results for the full year will be in advance of 1985-85.

● MELLERWARE INTERNATIONAL: The company has acquired two-thirds of the capital of N C Joseph for £385,000 — £200,000 in cash and the balance by the issue of 100,000 ordinary shares to Lapwing Investments, one of the vendors. Joseph makes domestic kitchen equipment and appliances and is in subcontracting presswork for the domestic appliance and motor vehicle industries. Joseph's pretax loss for 1985 will be about £150,000, from sales of £3.8 million. The Joseph board is projecting sales of £4.5 million for 1986.

● DWEK GROUP: The board is in the advanced stages of negotiations which, if successful, would result in an important acquisition.

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● HOGGETT BOWERS: Mr John Featherstone, the chairman, told the annual meeting that both fee income and pretax profits had risen by about 20 per cent in the first quarter of 1985-86. He was confident that the profit for the first half, to Feb. 28, 1986, will be well in excess of the corresponding period last year. The board is confident of another record year in 1985-86.

● ERSKINE HOUSE: The company is to buy Busitron (Sales & Service) and Pennine Reprographics. The maximum considerations are £1.25 million and £1 million, which will be satisfied by the issue of 1.55 million new ordinary shares (an increase of 10.7 per cent in the ordinary capital). Of these, 33,784 shares will be retained by the vendors of Pennine. The remaining 1.48 million are being conditionally placed at 147p each with institutional investors.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Healthy business surveys help indexes to power on

Stock markets continued to blaze away at the start of a new two week account. Encouraging business surveys from the CBI and London Business School pointing out the benefits for short term economic growth due to the collapse of oil prices contributed to the buoyant mood as did the stronger pound which inevitably revived hope of lower interest rates which some dealers expect on Budget Day.

The FT 30 share index powered 19.2 points to a record 1275.2 while the more broadly based FT-SE share index added 14.8 to 1532.8, also a record.

Stockbrokers analysts are also becoming increasingly "bullish" about the economy and shares. Rowe & Pitman for example predict that the all share index will rise from 720 to around 800 and believe a jump to around 900 is possible on a two year view barring political accidents.

The Greenwell Research team still consider securities are cheap relative to cash and in particular forecast a 15 per cent growth in dividends for 1986. So against this cheerful background the "bulls" continue to run amok with only bank shares dull due to Mexico's debt problem.

Double figure gains were frequent in most sectors with stock shortage a vital factor behind many of the sharper improvements. There was fresh evidence of US buying for selective "blue chips" which helped to support shares towards the close.

ICI which reports full year results on Thursday jumped 35p to 939p helped by "buy" recommendations from two American broking houses.

A 46 per cent jump in profits from Vickers, some £3m above best estimates, prompted a 37 per cent jump in the share price to 405p.

Further press suggestions that Beecham may bid for Fisons failed to halt a 12p rise in Beecham to 383p. Cement makers Blue Circle continued to anticipate rumoured price increases up 15p to 583p.

Engineering stock were strong behind the Vickers results and the optimistic surveys on manufacturing industries. Guest Keen advanced 13p to 343p and Hawker 24p to 539p. Lucas at 618p up 12p continued to reflect satisfaction with the Saudi Tornado order announced last week.

Takeover speculators were out in force again trying to spot the next candidate. Pilkington was marked up 21p to 421p on talk of an offer from cash rich BTR 5p better at 443p.

Pearson Group was active again on suggestions of a consortium bid worth around 550p. The shares closed 18p higher at 478p. Country Gentlemen's Association was lifted 250p to 800p on the terms from Bestwood.

Exco put on 8p to 242p on the weekend disclosure that the company were in exploratory merger talks with Morgan Grenfell. Morgan are unquoted but 23 per cent stakeholder Willis Faber improved 18p to 437p.

Builders had several good spots on cheaper money hopes. Marley added 2p to 110p ahead of today's results. Dealers are looking for some news of the proposed sale of the Payless subsidiary. Pretax profits are expected to be around £20m down from £33m.

Alexander Russell gained 10p to 128p as RMC and Scottish Heritable announced stakeholdings. Alfred McAlpline rose 16p to 352p after a modest increase in earnings. Most dealers were expecting a small shortfall.

Comment on the heating deal with Thorn EMI lifted Myson Group 13p to 99p. Tunstall Telecom celebrated a marketing agreement with Boots by climbing 25p to 300p.

Amstrad continued to recognise the profit potential for compact disc players and word processors up 25p to 380p.

Mount Charlotte jumped 5½p to 100p in anticipation of good results today. S & W Berisford was marked up 10p to 166p as the company held the dividend and produced profits above worst estimates. Profit taking knocked from Bowater at 320p but renewed takeover hopes stimulated DRG at 253p up 8p and Redfearn Glass 12p higher at 150p.

Stores made further progress as two banks cut their rates for endowment mortgages. Gus A at 930p up 26p reflected favourable comment. W H Smith A advanced 12p to 300p in belated response to the Fleet Street property sale announced last week.

Weekend press tips boosted Keep Trust 13p to 148p, Scottish TV 18p to 268p, Stead & Simpson 14p to 90p and Vantona 14p to 446p. Expansion moves lifted Dwek Group 13p to 62p.

Oils shrugged aside the lower spot price with Shell up 15p to 688p. New issue PPL (Holdings) recorded a 20p at 165p. Isotron reporting soon put on another 25p to 315p. Thomson T-Line climbed 17p to 163p on talk of a new deal soon.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

GKN 342p	up 12p
Hawker 533p	up 18p
ICI 939p	up 35p
Beecham 383p	up 12p
Marley 110p	up 2p
Pilkington 421p	up21p
Alex Russell 128p	up 10p
McAlpine 352p	up 16p
SI Group 33p	up 9p
Myson 99p	up 13p
STC 110p	up 6p
Tunstall Telecom 300p	25p
Amstrad 380p	25p
Rock 26p	up 6p
Mt Charlotte 100p	up 5½
Scottish TV 268p	up 18p
S W Berisford 168p	up 10p
DRG 253p	up 8p
Redfearn 150p	up 12p
W H Smith 300p	up 12p
Stead and Simpson 90p	up 14p
Dawson Int 224p	up 8p

FALLS:

Bowater 320p	down 8p
Natwest 692p	down 17p

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbott Mead V (180p)	226	dn 2
Ashley (Laura) (135p)	200	up 1
Brookmount (160p)	180	dn 2
Cable & Wire (587p)	336	up 8
Chart FL (86p)	90	
Chancery Secs (63p)	73	up 1
Cranswick M (95p)	108	
Davidson P (160p)	180	up 5
Dialene (128p)	143	
Ferguson (J) (10p)	24½	
Granyte Surface (56p)	70	up 3
Inoco (55p)	51	
JS Pathology (160p)	258	
Klearfold (118p)	118	up 3
Lexicon (115p)	118	
Macro 4 (105p)	143	up 4
Merivale Moore (115p)	125	
Microsystems (127p)	133	up 3
Norank Sys (90p)	100	
Really Useful (330p)	368	
SAC Intl (100p)	129	up 3
SPP (125p)	157	
Sigmex (101p)	85	dn 1
Snowdon & B (97p)	108	
Spice (80p)	87	dn 2
Tech Comp (130p)	214	
Underwoods (180p)	189	up 1
Wellcome (120p)	175	up 2
W York Hosp (90p)	78	up 3
Wickes (140p)	147	

(Issue price in brackets).

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Why all that glisters must be platinum

Metallurgists have always been enthralled by platinum. They drool over its molecular structure, describe lovingly its extraordinary ability to maintain its integrity under harsh conditions and relish the technical complications of its discovery, isolation and refining.

But today another group is fast learning to appreciate a more mundane virtue of this rare and unusual metal — its price — and in so doing has raised the spectre of platinum's vulnerability as a strategic metal.

Speculators have in the past month scrambled to board the platinum bandwagon. So far they have enjoyed a brisk ride, and the conviction is that enticing profits await those who stay aboard.

At the end of January, platinum for April delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange was trading at $379 (£260)an ounce. It is now $400, almost twice the price of a year ago.

Most metals, of course, have been so dismal for so long that many investors barely give them a moment's thought. After a brief and exciting flurry of activity which took it up to $350 last month, gold has been slipping, with the interesting incidental effect that platinum again commands a premium over gold. But why is platinum bucking the trend?

Analysts such as Mr Geoffrey Robson at Johnson Matthey trace the decisive turn to August and September last year, when first the growing unrest in South Africa and then the agreement between the leading industrial nations to devalue the dollar caused the market fundamentally to reassess platinum.

The dollar argument lacks conviction. Other metals and indeed commodities generally have not benefited by nearly as much as platinum. The weaker dollar has probably contributed to platinum's rise, but chiefly because the stage was already set.

A vital if imprecise part of the background was the turmoil in South Africa. One metals trader, who by happy coincidence is also a metallurgist and potty about platinum, put it succinctly: "There's a vast question mark over South Africa's reliability as a supplier."

The republic meets 80 per cent of Western demand for platinum, which last year was about 3.1 million ounces, and its reserves of 2 billion ounces are by far the biggest in the world.

Since the Soviet Union has the second biggest reserves, albeit a tenth the size of South Africa's, the politics of platinum require little elaboration. One does not have to postulate either the imminence of revolution in the republic or continued disruption to supply afterwards to accept that customers might be worried.

Oddly enough, confirmation of this proposition came from neither the African National Congress nor Moscow, but from Impala, one of South Africa's three big platinum mining companies.

At the end of last year, Impala — which is owned by the Afrikaner group Gencor — sacked more than 23,000 workers at its mines in Bophuthatswana, alleging political disruption of production.

> The speculators' bandwagon can trundle on happily for a long way

It was the biggest sacking in South African history, and a bad mistake. Gencor fell foul of the Pretoria Government — then trying to improve its image — and has found that replacing the sacked miners with skilled local Tswanas is difficult.

Analysts estimate that Impala could lose 300,000 ounces of production this year, or 10 per cent of Western demand. Since it is thought that in any case demand will exceed supply of platinum by 100,000 ounces in 1986 — the first supply deficit for a while — the most basic statistics signal an open road ahead for the bandwagon.

Nor is the bandwagon likely to lack momentum this year. Gencor's heavy-handedness disguises a probable long-term imbalance of supply and demand, which last year prompted Johnson Matthey in its first annual platinum review to suggest that platinum's fortunes were about to improve.

The crucial fact here is that despite investors' interest, platinum, unlike gold, is primarily an industrial material. Equally important, 80 per cent of platinum used industrially is not recovered, whereas most of the gold mined since the dawn of history is extant.

By far the biggest long-term demand for platinum will be from producers of car exhaust catalysts. European Economic Community regulations will force car manufacturers to install catalysts in new models from October 1988.

That may seem some way off, but the lead times in setting up platinum refining capacity are long and stocks must be accumulated.

Johnson Matthey and Degussa, its West German rival, plan to produce 3 million catalysts each. This has the interesting side-effect of increasing demand for palladium and rhodium, two other platinum group metals, of which the Soviet Union is a relatively bigger supplier than of platinum.

Between 1980 and 1985, demand for platinum in catalysts rose from 680,000 ounces to perhaps about 900,000 ounces, or 30 per cent of total Western platinum demand.

Over the same period, demand for platinum in jewellery grew from 560,000 ounces to roughly the same amount as for catalysts. But as car emission standards are tightened up all over the world, catalysts are likely to become the single biggest platinum consumer.

The most powerful short-term influence on the price has been the remarkable expansion of investor interest in the metal. Reliable figures start only in 1982, when hoarding accounted for 45,000 ounces, a mere 2 per cent of overall demand. Last year it could have been as high as 255,000 ounces, or 7.5 per cent.

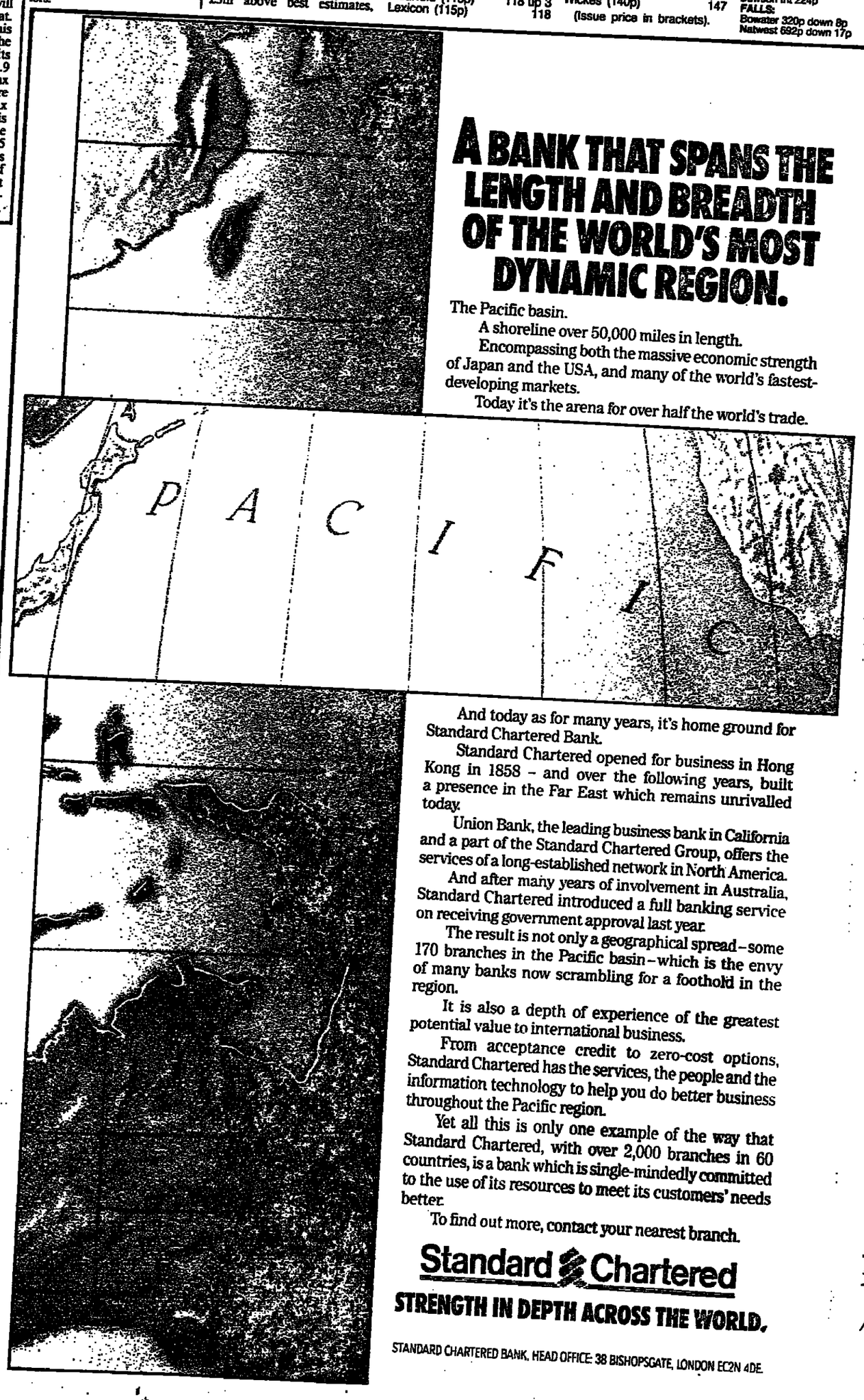
The Isle of Man Noble coin marketed by Ayrton Metals, a subsidiary of Gencor, has helped to popularize platinum

In fact, the importance of investor demand far outweighs that of the amounts involved. As other industrial uses such as electronics, glass and chemicals have also grown, stocks have fallen. Estimates of available stocks range from two months' to six months' demand.

But whatever the real figure, investors now hold the balance in what promises to become an increasingly volatile market. Manufacturing demand for platinum is relatively insensitive to price

So the speculators' bandwagon can trundle on happily for a long way before it hits the natural barrier of consumer resistance. It will be some time before metallurgists are left in peace to drool over platinum again.

Michael Prest



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7	Goldsmiths Gp	
8	Harris Queensway	
9	Marks & Spencer	
10	NSS Newsagents	
	BANKS, DISCOUNT HP	
11	Allied Irish	
12	King & Shaxson	
13	Wagon	
14	Clive	
15	Hill Samuel	
16	Hambros	
17	Stand Chart	
18	Brown Shipley	
19	Guinness Peat	
20	Provident	
	INDUSTRIALS E-K	
21	Eleco	
22	Hall (M)	
23	Johnson Matthey	
24	Kershaw (A)	
25	Erskine House	
26	Fenner (JH)	
27	Hestair	
28	Hanson	
29	Evered	
30	IMI	
	ELECTRICALS	
31	Pressac	
32	CASE	
33	Electrocomponents	
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Record run continues

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746	503	Union	653	●+10	52.9	8.1	65.8
150	56	Wagon	150	+3	1.4	0.9	18.2
55¾	38¾	Wells Fargo	£54¾	+1¼	..	..	..
280	220	Wintrust	245	●+7	7.1	2.9	15.5

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
306	153	Allied-Lyons	295	●+2	11.8	3.9	17.4
692	471	Bass	680	..	21.0	3.1	14.5
61	38	Belhaven	45	-1	1.1	2.4	24.9
100	68	Boddingtons	94	..	4.2	4.5	13.5
573	258	Brown (Matthew)	410	..	20.0	4.9	15.1
188	119	Bulmer (H P)	167	● ..	7.0	4.2	13.5
530	405	Burtonwood Brew	480	..	14.3	3.0	11.3
485	225	Clark (Matthew)	475	● ..	10.7	2.3	19.2
820	417	Devenish (J A)	820	+15	18.6	2.3	24.0
638	270	Distillers	631	..	22.9	3.6	17.4
198	159	Greenall Whitley	167	..	7.9r	4.7	11.9
254	146	Greene King	201	+1	7.2	3.6	14.3
325	225	Guinness	281	●+1	10.3	3.7	10.7
457	324	Hardys & Hansons	457	● ..	24.1	5.3	11.8
85	59	Highland Dist	75	..	2.8	3.7	15.2
177	124	Invergordon Dist	160	..	6.1	3.8	11.7
228	120	Irish Dist	228	+10	8.0	2.5	..
93	57	Marston Thompson	87	+1	2.9	3.3	15.0
239	179	Morland	227	..	9.1	4.0	12.6
336	106	SA Breweries	236	+3	..	..	..
194	126	Scot & New	191	+3	10.0r	5.2	13.0
40¾	27¾	Seagram	£36¼	+¾	41.1	1.1	..
410	258	Vaux	388	-5	15.8	4.1	15.0
280	184	Whitbread 'A'	268	+2	10.2	3.8	13.8
278	185	Do 'B'	273	+15	10.2	3.7	13.9
236	162	Whitbread Inv	208	..	9.9	4.8	30.7
453	270	Wolverhampton & D	453	..	12.2	2.7	18.5
245	185	Young 'A'	205	+6	9.4	4.6	18.4

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
242	172	Aberdeen Constr	240	+2	10.6	4.4	15.0
280	213	Amec	227	-2	15.7	6.9	9.0
60	29	Amcliffe	58	..	0.1n	0.2	8.9
153	82	Atwoods	153	+2	5.7	3.7	14.0
408	208	BPB Industries	408	+5	11.6	2.9	16.2
333	204	Baggeridge Brick	330	+3	9.8	3.0	11.9
138	64	Barratt Devs	138	+4	10.9	7.9	..
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	24	..	0.4	1.7	4.8
154	113	Bellway	154	..	10.0	6.5	17.4
71	60	Benford Concrete	71	..	5.4	7.6	27.4
87	51	Bett Bros	65	● ..	4.4	6.8	18.5
925	545	Blockleys	900	..	32.9	3.7	12.9
608	488	Blue Circle	583	+15	28.6	4.9	8.0
256	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	256	..	13.6	5.3	30.8
90	59	Brickhouse Dudley	90	+1	4.8	5.4	15.3
80	55	Br Dredging	65	..	3.6	5.5	14.5
29	11	Brown & Jackson	24	..	..	..	16.6
83	55	Brownlee	65	..	4.4	6.8	7.3
95	64	Bryant	95	..	4.7	4.9	12.0
190	20	Burnett & Hallam	..	..	5.71	..	..
155	145	Calebread Robey	150	..	4.4	2.9	25.0
105	50	Cement-Roadstone	104	+7	4.0	3.8	..
70	42	Condor Grp	68	..	2.1	3.1	28.1
526	336	Costain	484	+4	22.1	4.6	10.2
328	194	Countryside	326	● ..	8.2	2.5	8.8
156	84	Crouch (Derek)	142	-4	7.9	5.6	31.1
116	68	Dew (George)	84	●-½	8.6	10.2	7.9
95	45	Douglas (RM)	88	● ..	2.5r	2.8	15.6
72	58	Erith	72	+1	4.4	6.1	11.5
113	81	Feb	86	+3	4.2	4.9	11.7
92	54	Do 'A'	66	+4	4.2	6.4	9.0
86	63	Finlan Gp	65	● ..	5.4	8.3	25.4
86	64	Galliford	80	..	6.3	7.9	13.0
116	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	106	..	2.3	2.2	35.9
290	204	Gleeson (MJ)	288	..	7.7	2.7	10.0
119	89	HAT	102	●+1	5.4	5.3	10.6
80	24	Helical Bar	80	..	..	..	18.3
85	53	Hewden-Stuart	64	..	2.3	4.3	10.9
175	114	Heywood Williams	174	..	8.9	5.1	10.2
505	281	Higgs & Hill	505	+4	18.3	3.6	13.7
180	129	Ibstock Johnsen	156	..	6.1	3.9	12.0
329	260	Jarvis (J) & Sons	290	+15	25.0	8.6	9.9
351	179	Laing (J)	351	+2	8.9	2.5	11.2
348	196	Do 'A'	341	+2	8.9	2.6	10.9
39	27	Lawrence (Walter)	98	r ..	5.2r	5.4	7.0
79	58	Lilley (FJC)	75	..	5.3	7.1	11.3
346	158	Lovell (YJ)	348	●+6	10.0	2.9	12.2
160	104	Magnet & South	138	● ..	6.7	4.9	14.3
202	151	Manders	201	+4	10.9	5.4	12.7
188	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	181	● ..	7.1	3.9	13.4
107	74	May & Hassell	102	..	5.4n	5.3	..
354	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	354	+16	16.1	4.5	12.0
200	112	Meyer Int	198	+1	7.7	3.9	10.8
28	14	Miller (Stanley)	23	..	0.7	3.0	..
134	105	Monk (A)	125	+1	9.3	7.4	16.8
372	198	Mowlem (John)	372	+8	19.6	5.3	25.1
850	600	Newarthill	850	..	15.7	1.8	16.2
201	143	Nottingham Brick	195	+2	9.3	4.8	14.6
140	96	Persimmon	140	..	6.8	4.9	10.2
150	86	Phoenix Timber	102	..	4.3	4.2	3.8
385	180	Pochins	380	..	18.4	4.8	8.4
532	342	RMC	532	+4	18.9	3.6	11.9
408	255	Redland	408	+3	16.5	3.6	15.0
177	98	Roberts Adlard	153	..	8.6	5.6	12.9
228	145	Ruberoid	228	+3	11.1	4.7	12.6
188	118	Rugby Cement	185	+1	8.9	5.4	12.1
272	132	SGB	262	● ..	10.7	4.1	10.0
49	32	Sharpe & Fisher	35	..	2.2	6.3	14.9
79	53	Smart (J)	74	..	6.2	8.4	15.7
420	227	Tarmac	420	+6	11.7	2.8	17.5
558	348	Taylor Woodrow	528	+2	21.4	4.1	14.3
182	108	Tilbury Group	152	..	7.0	4.6	13.1
358	225	Travis & Arnold	356	+4	11.3	3.2	12.7
107	84	Trent	84	●-½	1.6	1.9	10.1
343	143	Tarriff	165	..	10.0	6.1	30.4
248	135	Vibroplant	248	●+3	13.4	5.4	10.9
256	128	Ward	256	●+½	10.4	3.9	14.1
95	58	Warrington (T)	67	+2	5.7n	8.5	7.7
220	173	Watts Blake	204	+2	6.0	2.9	16.4
79	62	Western Bros	76	..	1.4n	1.8	15.2
50	26	Wiggins	46	+1	..	..	..
344	172	Wilson (Connolly)	344	+4	4.5	1.3	18.9
170	97	Wimpey (George)	166	..	4.6	2.8	15.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
44¾	23¾	AKZO N/V Bearer	242½	+½	400	9.4	..
258	121	Allied Colloids	178	●+5	3.3	1.9	18.8
383	273	Amersham	353	+15	8.9	2.5	17.2
260	160	Anchor Chemical	241	..	6.1	2.5	8.9
130	78	BTP	130	+1	5.7	4.4	18.8
99½	51%	Bayer DM50	£95¾	+¾	700	7.3	..
122	100	Blagden	120	..	10.3	8.6	9.0
134	104	Brent Chems	128	..	5.1	4.0	16.7
79½	9½	Br Benzol	79½	+4½	..	..	88.3
107	79	Canning (W)	86	-1	5.1	5.9	12.7
275	224	Coalite	257	+4	9.5	3.7	13.4
189	131	Coates Bros	145	..	6.6	4.6	6.8
168	112	Do 'A'	116	..	6.6	5.7	7.0
26	14	Cory (Horace)	16	..	0.7	4.4	6.4
151	116	Croda	135	..	10.0	7.4	14.0
108	82	Do Dfd	100	..	..	..	11.0
227	150	Ellis & Everard	198	● ..	8.6	4.5	17.2
258	175	Foseco-Minsep	246	+3	11.9	4.8	9.8
137	66	Halstead (James)	137	+5	5.7	4.2	10.8
488	318	Hickson	398	-4	21.4	5.4	9.0
93	51	Hoechst DM50	622	+1	..	..	..
949	630	Imp Chem Ind	937	+33	44.3	4.7	9.2
373	278	Laporte	371	+8	10.5	2.8	18.8
121	84	Leigh	107	+2	4.7	4.4	18.9
188	141	Plysu	182	..	3.3	1.8	18.8
62	53	Rabrock Hldgs	55	..	3.3	4.4	13.9
182	126	Rentokil	168	-2	3.2	2.0	22.2
288	94	SNIA BPD	288	+4	..	..	..
328	162	Wolstenholme Rink	208	..	11.1	5.3	9.8
100	56	Yorkshire Chem	100	+6	2.5n	2.5	16.6

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
200	120	Anglia TV 'A'	200	..	12.9	6.5	14.0
64	25	Grampian	35	..	2.4	6.9	7.9
185	118	HTV N/V	180	..	11.0	6.1	6.2
301	218	LWT Hldgs	290	..	20.6	7.1	11.8
268	128	Scot TV 'A'	266	+16	12.7	4.7	10.9
186	110	TVS N/V	168	● ..	11.4	6.8	8.1
36½	23	TSW	36½	..	2.4	6.6	10.0

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
104	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	104	+6	3.3	3.2	38.2
100	51½	Beattie (James) 'A'	90	+1	3.0	3.3	14.6
161	80	Bentalls	155	-1	3.1	2.0	31.5
52	9	Blacks Leis	14½	..	..	..	..
66	48	Bremner	58	..	1.4	2.4	43.3
565	220	Brown (N)	540	..	13.9	2.6	27.5
317	204	Burtons	268	+6	6.3	2.4	18.5
114	63	Cantors 'A'	102	+1	3.2	3.1	28.2
54	38	Casket (S)	46	..	3.1	6.7	8.9
355	224	Church	350	..	20.7	5.9	11.8
188	87	Combined English	182	..	7.7	4.2	23.4
138	65	Courts (Furn) 'A'	125	●+5½	6.7	5.3	10.4
93	67½	Dewhirst (IJ)	86	+1	1.4	1.8	20.8
11	131	Dixons Grp	288	●+11½	9.1	3.2	8.0
423	271	Dunhill	428	+10	6.1	1.4	21.4
81	56½	Ellis & Goldstein	78	+1	3.3	4.3	10.4
660	360	Elys (Wimbledon)	660	+20	12.9	2.0	33.1
172	92	Empire Stores	170	+4	3.6	2.1	29.1
230	130	Etam	226	+2	4.6	2.0	24.6
98	27	Executex Clothes	75	+2	..	..	13.9
138	72	Fine Art Dev	130	-3	4.7	3.6	28.2
110	25½	Ford (Martin)	110	+11	..	..	..
186	143	Forminster	185	● ..	8.6	4.6	9.5
392	162	Freemans	378	+4	8.3	2.2	22.1
110	79½	Gelfer (AJ)	102	● ..	7.6	7.5	10.0
154	60	Gent SR	72	+2	2.9	4.0	43.4
105	43	Goldberg (A)	104	●+1	2.1	2.0	77.8
237	153	Goldsmiths Gp	192	+4	10.7	5.6	13.5
394	152	Gratton	388	..	5.7	1.5	24.9
13½	684	GUS	£11¾	●-1	28.6	2.3	19.2
932	674	Do 'A'	929	●+25	28.6	2.8	15.2
298	166	Harris Queensway	230	+6	5.9	2.6	21.3
28½	22	Helene Of London	26	..	2.3	8.8	6.4
36	21	Hollas	28	● ..	3.0	7.9	15.8
298	240	Home Charm	286	+1	4.2	1.5	20.9
128	93	House Of Lerose	120	+3	11.4	9.5	11.3
90	71½	Jones (Ernest)	84	●+½	5.8	6.9	18.1
38	21	Ladies Pride	28	..	2.1	7.5	20.7
134	98	LCP	131	..	6.0	4.6	22.4
226	100	Lee Cooper	195	+6	5.3	2.7	9.2
645	370	Liberty	630	+10	10.0	1.2	38.7
190	142	Lincroft Kilgour	173	●-2	10.0	5.8	8.9
195	111	Marks & Spencer	192	+3	5.1	2.7	27.6
336	218	Menzies (John)	315	+15	5.1	1.6	18.3
195	118	Millets Leisure	190	..	2.9	1.5	50.9
615	306	Moss Bros	595	+15	7.4	1.2	42.7
150	94	NSS Newsagents	142	+4	5.1	3.6	14.8
244	154	Next	234	+1	5.4	2.3	27.0
365	313	Oliver (G)	320	..	11.7	3.5	25.5
640	331	Our Price	545	● ..	7.9	1.4	34.4
71	39	Pentos	68	..	0.5	0.7	25.8
97	56	Peters Stores	82	+2	1.4	1.7	39.2
116	99	Preedy (Alfred)	110	..	5.5	5.0	19.6
131	46	Ratners (Jewellers)	122	● ..	3.7	3.0	37.8
38½	23½	Raybeck	35½	+½	1.1	3.1	..
315	155	Reed (Austin)	315	+10	7.1	2.3	30.0
163	96	Do 'A'	146	+1	7.1	4.9	18.7
35	15	S & U Stores	32	..	..	..	29.4
185	118	Samuel (H)	163	..	6.0	3.7	41.8
92	72	Do 'A'	77	+2	6.0	7.8	19.7
127	78	Sears	121½	+½	4.4	3.6	16.0
333	200	Simpson (S) 'A'	320	..	8.2	2.6	12.4
320	160	Smith (WH) 'A'	298	●+10	7.8	2.6	20.4
64	31	Do 'B'	60	●+2	1.5	2.5	20.6
79	42	Stanley (AG)	76	+2	3.6	4.7	21.2
115	58	Stanberg	107	-1	3.5	3.3	15.5
336	273	Storehouse	320	+2	11.0	3.4	19.9
86	26	Sumrie Clothes	38	-2	..	..	..
501	373	Superdrug Stores	443	+6	8.4	1.4	21.7
57	40	Tern-Consulate	50	..	2.9n	7.1	9.1
61½	27½	Time Products	61½	+½	2.5	4.1	12.8
195	160	Underwoods	189	+1	2.4	1.3	33.8
462	267	Vantona Viyella	446	+14	17.1r	3.8	10.6
231	140	WW Group	215	..	11.3	5.3	8.0
328	203	Ward White	283	..	8.5	3.0	16.7
148	98	Wigfalls	98	..	3.6n	3.7	..
610	277½	Woolworth	485	-2	12.9	2.7	20.8

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
537	175	AB Elect	315	+3	11.4	3.6	23.5
389	68	Amstrad	380	●+24½	1.6	0.4	28.8
285	48	Apricot Computers	84	+10	2.1	2.5	6.6
80	28	Arlen	65	+6	..	..	..
303	185	Atlantic Comp	260	..	2.4	0.9	14.5
80	23	Audio Fidelity	51	..	..	..	16.3
200	138	Auto Sec	158	-2	1.9	1.2	12.3
308	185	BICC	308	+10	15.1	4.9	12.8
165	43	BSR	95	-1	2.4	2.5	8.3
484	308	Bowthorpe	477	+3	8.2	1.7	23.1
200	104½	Br Telecom 50p P	189	●+3	9.9	5.2	12.4
97	70	Brown Boveri Kent	88	..	3.6	4.2	11.6
31	10	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13½	..	1.9	14.1	31.4
308	95	CASE	114	+5	1.9	1.7	9.5
653	440	Cable & Wireless	630	●+10	13.8	2.2	20.9
378	195	Cambridge Elec	308	+10	10.2	3.3	14.3
220	138	CAP Gp	220	● ..	2.1	1.0	..
53	28	Chloride	46	..	..	..	10.8
226	129	Do 7½% CPF	188	-2	..	..	..
265	193	Comcap	243	+18	1.7	0.7	18.9
305	200	Cray Elect	305	●+17	4.6	1.5	34.8
240	95	Crystalate	180	+4	6.1	3.4	10.9
85	61	Dale Elect	73	●+3½	6.4	8.5	28.1
180	97	Datasery	175	+2	1.0	0.6	..
37	14	Dewhurst 'A'	32	● ..	1.5	4.7	7.2
315	245	Domino	315	●+6	2.5	0.8	21.2
48	31	Dowding & Mills	43	..	2.0	4.7	13.7
208	134	Dubilier	194	+4	4.0	2.1	14.2
430	255	Electrocomponents	430	+7	7.9	1.8	28.7
65	38	Electronic Mach	61	● ..	1.0	1.6	83.6
55	39	Electronic Rentals	48	●-1	4.6	9.6	18.9
283	156	Emess Lighting	257	+5	7.9	3.1	27.1
368	256	Eurotherm	350	●+5	6.6	1.9	17.8
221	138	Farnell Elect	215	+2	2.9	1.3	24.7
184	104	Ferranti	144	+5	2.3	1.6	19.9
190	89	First Castle Elec	189	+1	3.0	1.6	18.4
40	20	Forward Tech	34	..	..	..	17.2
220	150	GEC	204	● ..	5.8	2.8	13.9
184	94	Grosvenor	95	+1	8.2	8.6	7.3
129	78	Highland Elect	102	-3	3.6	3.5	13.1
160	130	IBL	183	+10	1.7	1.0	20.4
353	243	Int Signal & Control	341	..	1.0	0.3	..
200	130	Jones Stroud	180	●+1	10.7	5.9	8.6
215	65	Kode	95	..	7.1	7.5	8.1
341	218	Lec Refrigeration	253	+3	17.9	7.1	6.9
366½	98	Logica	151	+2	1.4	0.9	16.3
335	220	MK Elect	320	..	14.6	4.6	10.5
400	235	Memec	395	+5	3.6	0.9	36.9
235	34	Micro BS	76	..	2.5	3.3	12.0
970	100	Micro Focus	180	..	..	..	..
98	33	Muirhead Elec	48	..	4.0n	8.3	30.1
94	59	Murray Elect	62	..	0.1	0.2	..
45	16	Newman	31	..	1.1	3.5	9.0
283	170	Newmark (Louis)	280	● ..	19.3	6.9	12.8
102½	76½	NEI	102	+2	7.5	7.4	17.1
172	22	Oceonics	43	..	1.1	2.6	8.7
475	238	Oxford Instruments	475	●+17	2.0	0.4	25.8
58	40	Petbow	46	-2	1.6	3.5	16.5
44	24	Phicom	27	-1	1.6	5.9	7.5
164¼	85¾	Philips Fin 5¾%	£161¾	-½	575	3.6	..
17½	10	Philips Lamps N/V	£15⅛	..	..	..	..
205	115	Pilco	190	..	7.5	3.9	10.4
180	111½	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	150	..	7.5	5.0	8.2
214	114	Plessey	210	..	6.6	3.1	16.8
20½	13⅝	Do ADR 25	£20¼	..	..	..	..
166	66	Pressac	155	+7	3.1	2.0	22.8
80	22	Quest Automation	32	+4	..	..	15.3
268	120	Racal Elect	206	●+6	4.3	2.1	13.2
195	142	Rotaflex	188	..	6.7	3.6	11.6
503	382	Scholes (GH)	490	..	28.6	5.8	11.9
88	71	Shorrock	77	..	2.1	2.7	16.6
140	21	Sound Diffusion	45	..	0.6	1.3	8.7
288	72	STC	108	+4	..	..	5.5
197	137	Stone Intl	174	● ..	6.5	3.7	10.9
119	74	System Designers	118	+5	0.6	0.5	43.4
21¾	10¾	TDK	£14	-¼	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	188	+2	10.0	5.3	13.6
400	69	Telemetrix	108	-4	2.5	2.3	6.2
484	301	Thorn EMI	447	● ..	25.0	5.6	18.0
185	149	Thorpe (FW)	165	+8	5.6	3.6	9.2
365	168	Tunstall Telecom	300	+25	2.4	0.8	20.7
274	158	UEI	272	+4	7.5	2.8	24.3
308	173	Unitech	258	● ..	8.5	3.3	13.8
350	236	Utd Leasing	259	+8	5.3	2.1	8.0
270	150	Utd Scientific	165	●+5	8.1	4.9	13.6
398	244	VG Instruments	368	..	2.7	0.7	31.9
258	123	Volex	248	● ..	17.4	4.8	10.3
65	40	Western Selection	54	-1	3.9	7.2	12.6
103	58	Whitworth Elec	85	..	2.2	2.6	13.0
325	220	Wholesale Fitting	238	● ..	9.8	4.1	12.2

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	210	Abingworth	234	+1	1.8	0.8	..
193	128	Aitken Hume	168	+1	11.0	6.5	7.1
345	200	Antofagasta	340	..	20.0	5.9	5.5
151	70	Berkley Tech	120	● ..	..	..	..
26½	17¾	Camellia	£25	..	15.7	0.6	..
218	159	Candover	198	+2	2.9	1.5	58.2
38	10	Contreasury	20	..	..	..	..
20¾	16¼	Equity & Gen	18¼	..	1.3	7.1	6.2
253	120	Hambro	245	● ..	10.4	4.2	25.1
193	91	Ivory & Sime	170	+2	6.1	3.8	29.7
173	114	Majedie	168	..	8.9	5.3	24.1
47	37	Nat Home Loans	40	..	..	..	..
48¾	38	Do 8%	£43	..	800	18.6	..

FOODS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
166	128	ASDA-MFI	152	●+4	4.1	2.7	19.4
27	18	Alpine Drinks	22	..	2.6	11.8	..
375	253	Argyll	343	+2	11.1n	3.2	16.7
272	184	AB Food	272	●+4	8.0	2.9	13.0
128	88	Assoc Fisheries	121	● ..	4.6	3.8	36.9
679	559	Avana	594	● ..	16.8	2.8	18.2
280	195	Banks (Sidney C)	248	● ..	14.6	5.9	7.3
13½	6	Barker & Dobson	13¼	+¾	..	..	21.4
305	183	Barr (AG)	305	● ..	12.1	4.0	8.7
206	133	Bassett Foods	188	..	9.7	5.2	10.9
128	65½	Batleys	98	..	3.0	3.1	11.8
195	140	Bejam	170	+2	5.4	3.2	20.3
93	60	Bluebird Conf	80	-8	7.4	9.3	22.7
68	37½	Br Vending (BVI)	68	..	1.7	2.5	15.5
177	131	Cadbury-Schweppes	165	-4	8.4	5.1	11.2
180	108	Carrs Milling	173	..	8.6	5.0	9.5
195	130	Cliffords Dairies	185	..	9.6	5.2	13.8
182	115	Do 'A'	162	..	8.6	5.3	13.8
318	119	Colliers	270	..	..	..	..
285	149	Dee	253	●-2	9.7	3.8	26.1
171	94	Fisher (Albert)	166	..	3.2	1.9	22.4
294	193	Fitch Lovell	292	●+4	14.6	5.0	22.1
313	220	Glass Glover	246	● ..	5.6	2.3	18.0
848	548	Hazlewood Foods	813	..	11.4	1.4	28.3
225	160	Hillards	195	..	4.4	2.3	17.2
218	143	Hillsdown Hldgs	208	+5	5.3	2.5	24.0
85	52	Home Farm	80	+1	4.6	5.8	8.2
612	369	Iceland Frozen	584	+5	8.6	1.5	28.2
244	170	Kwik Save	244	+4	6.9	2.8	18.0
108	47½	Lees (John J)	106	● ..	2.1	2.0	13.5
66	30	Lovell (GF)	65	..	4.3	6.6	47.1
638	408	Low (Wm)	570	+5	17.1	3.0	18.0
590	254	Matthews (Bernard)	575	..	11.1	1.9	27.2
113	78½	Meat Trade Supp	93	● ..	7.5	8.1	14.1
168	94	Morrison (W)	168	+4	1.7	1.0	25.3
270	197	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	250	+5	7.9	3.2	19.8
83	67½	Normans	74½	●+½	2.6	3.5	14.4
304	204	Nthn Foods	286	+2	10.4	3.6	15.4
170	130	Nurdin & Peacock	158	..	5.2	3.3	14.8
137	105	Park Foods	128	● ..	5.4	4.2	12.9
187	122	RHM	186	+2	7.6	4.1	12.7
465	340	Rowntree Mac	455	+2	16.3	3.6	12.9
390	286	Sainsbury (J)	378	..	6.6	1.8	24.6
145	117	Salvesen (Chstn)	142	..	4.1	2.9	18.7
190	20	Somportex	176	+4	..	..	..
603	418	Tate & Lyle	585	+2	31.4	5.4	11.9
340	219	Tesco	340	+7	7.4	2.2	23.8
252	140	Unigate	250	●-2	12.4	5.0	16.6
293	164	Utd Biscuits	228	+3	10.9	4.8	12.4
158	90	Watson & Philip	140	..	8.3	5.9	17.5

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
413	275	Grand Met	398	●+6	14.3	3.6	12.1
282	186	Kennedy Brookes	256	..	2.1	0.8	13.2
345	241	Ladbroke	345	+3	15.0	4.3	20.8
465	348	Lon Park Hotels	450	..	14.3r	3.2	19.5
100	77	Mount Charlotte	99	+4½	1.8	1.8	18.3
112	67	Prince Of W Hotels	72	..	2.1	2.9	13.0
71½	48½	Queens Moat	70½	+2½	2.2r	3.1	19.6
415	353	Savoy Hotels 'A'	393	..	3.6	0.9	19.3
78	29	Stakis	72	● ..	1.7	2.4	17.8
169	119	Trusthouse Forte	161	● ..	7.8	4.8	16.0

INDUSTRIALS A - D

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
220	118	AAH	220	+8	8.7	4.4	17.5
257	182	AGB Research	218	●-2	9.6	4.4	23.5
128	83	AIM	96	● ..	8.2	8.5	10.8
301	218	APV	276	-2	16.1	5.8	31.6
112	71	Aaronson	89	●+4	6.0	6.7	9.4
222	148	Adwest	210	+2	11.1	5.3	13.4
280	136	Alexanda W'wear	263	..	7.1	2.7	20.0
148	85	Amber Ind	140	+10	8.7	6.9	10.2
376	86	Appledore	375	●+6	8.6	2.3	20.7
42	24	Arenson	34	+1	..	..	8.9
30	15½	Armour	28	+1	0.3	1.1	14.4
425	325	Ash & Lacey	365	..	28.6	7.8	11.2
87	14	Ashley	75	+7	..	..	58.4
303	165	Ass Br Eng 6%	298	-5	11.4	3.8	..
408	303	Assoc Heat	373	+3	16.7	4.5	18.1
48½	15½	Aurora	48	+1½	1.1r	2.2	14.0
345	218	Avon Rubber	298	+1	8.1	2.7	10.8
80	25	Ayrshire Metal	80	-3	2.1	2.6	21.5
211	52	BBA	199	..	2.9n	1.5	24.9
415	278	BET Dfd	413	●+2	21.8	5.3	16.8
87	59	BETEC	71	..	2.1	3.0	9.2
335	248	BOC	323	●+1	13.4	4.1	12.3
443	298	BTR	443	+5	10.5	2.4	25.4
197	118	Babcock	190	+1	11.9	6.3	10.6
36½	13½	Bailey (CH)	22¼	..	..	..	23.7
470	325	Baird (Wm)	470	+3	26.0r	5.5	11.0
276	180	Baker Perkins	275	+1	10.2	3.7	11.6
175	54	Barro Ind	175	..	7.9	4.5	20.2
180	112	Barham	160	+7	2.9	1.8	24.2
495	180	Barlow Rand	379	..	..	..	..
49	38	Barrow Hepburn	48	..	3.4	6.9	15.0
210	130	Barton Transport	180	..	25.7	14.3	5.6
61	23	Baynes (Charles)	38	● ..	2.2	7.9	..
184	138	Beatson Clark	170	+3	9.4	5.5	8.9
113	65	Beauford	113	+5	6.8	6.0	10.2
391	275	Beecham	385	+14	16.1	4.2	16.0
45	18	Bellair Cosmetics	23	+1	1.6	7.0	12.7
190	132	Berisford (S&W)	168	+12	15.0	8.9	5.1
116	73	Berisfords	115	●+2	7.5	6.5	11.0
327	100	Bespak	119	● ..	6.1	5.1	6.8
345	204	Bestobell	274	+2	..	..	14.3
439	129	Bestwood	425	+2	8.6r	2.0	53.5
33	15	Bevan (DF)	32	●-½	2.0r	6.3	7.9
305	220	Bibby (J)	300	..	9.5	3.2	16.3
168	135	Biddle	150	..	14.3	9.5	7.5
103	81	Bifurcated	86	-2	4.0	4.7	5.5
108	80	Birmid Qualcast	105½	●+½	5.4	5.1	8.7
128	102½	Birmingham Mint	125	..	8.6	6.9	12.8
174	78	Black Arrow	168	-5	6.4	3.8	14.2
243	180	Black (Peter)	218	+5	2.4	1.1	20.5
44½	22	Blackwood Hodge	42	+½	..	..	18.3
222	79	Bodycote	222	+4	8.8	3.9	11.0
323	223	Booker McConnell	323	+15	16.4	5.1	13.5
274	180	Boots	237	+2	9.3	3.9	16.5
10½	5¾	Boulton (Wm)	6½	..	..	..	..
368	214	Bowater	320	-8	12.5	3.9	11.8
24	15	Bowater Inc	£19¾	+¼	..	..	..
138	75	Braithwaite Grp	118	..	..	..	..
412	277	Brammer	368	+12	13.6n	11.0	..
72	38	Bradway	68	● ..	17.9	4.9	18.7
57	30	Brengreen	40	-½	3.2	4.6	10.8
64	28	Bridgend Gp	43	..	2.1	5.3	12.7
150	97	Bridon	130	..	..	..	..
185	89½	Bridport-Gundry	184	-1	8.1	4.7	10.0
155	115	Br Bldg & Eng App	125	..	7.1	3.9	14.4
180	114	Br Steam	180	+2	0.9	0.7	88.8
128	77	Br Syphon	115	..	8.8	5.3	12.4
229	153	Br Vita	229	..	3.8	3.3	30.9
383	227½	Broken Hill	318	-5	9.3	4.1	9.4
47	24	Bromsgrove Inds	42	-1	..	..	..
19	10½	Bronx Eng	16	..	1.6	3.8	9.3
34	22	Brooke Tool	30½	● ..	0.7	4.4	..
176	121	Brown & Tawse	175	●+1	1.8	5.9	8.2
36	20	Brown (John)	20	..	9.6	5.5	11.6
78	50	Bruntons (Mus)	55	..	..	..	..
293	164	Bullough	276	●+3	4.3	7.8	12.4
172	110	Burgess	154	+6	11.2	4.2	13.1
71	38	Burns-Anderson	61½	..	2.9	1.9	14.7
63	28	Caird	63	●+5	3.9	6.3	13.3
38	35½	Calederry	38	..	2.8	4.0	7.5
67	32	Capeco Ind	33	..	2.4	6.9	14.3
118	118	Cape Ind	66	-1	..	..	4.6
295	163	Cardo Eng	268	+8	17.9r	6.2	6.9
63	38	Castings	60	..	3.8	6.3	8.0
38½	20	Celestion	37	-1½	1.4	3.8	18.7
11	4½	Central & Sheer	7½	..	..	..	15.0
27	10	Centreway Ind	16	..	..	..	30.8
60	40	CH Ind	50	..	3.1	6.2	9.0
85½	65½	Chamberlain Ph	70½	..	5.5	7.8	9.1
84	48	Chamberlin & Hill	81	..	5.0	6.2	6.5
230	166	Charter Cons	230	+2	15.7	6.8	45.6
596	401	Chemring	570	+10	19.3	3.4	12.4
341	208	Christies Int	341	+13	7.9	2.3	17.7
43	31	Christy Hunt	36	..	..	..	10.7
190	73	Clarke (Clement)	177	+2	6.5	3.7	27.4
145	62	Clayton Son	115	+2	10.7	9.3	8.9
530	380	Cohen (A)	410	● ..	15.4	3.8	7.8
181	102	Colorall Gp	189	+7	6.5	3.4	17.1
38	7	Combined Tech	15½	+1	..	..	..
86	61	Concentric	88	..	5.2	6.5	11.2
29	20	Cont Stationery	27	● ..	2.5	9.3	6.3
96	52	Cook (Wm)	93	+3	4.9	5.2	15.8
488	280½	Cookson	488	+6	9.3	2.0	12.5
272	155	Cope Allman	272	+2	10.0	3.7	12.8
70	22	Copson (F)	50	..	2.1	4.2	28.1
75½	55	Cosalt	69½	-½	3.9	5.6	10.8
385	210	Courtney Pope	361	+4	12.9	3.6	11.5
81	31	Cowan De Groot	74	● ..	3.2	4.3	33.0
142	80	Crest Nicholson	141	●+1½	5.8	4.2	10.7
178	126	Crown House	178	..	17.1	8.2	10.2
287½	148½	Cummins 3⅝%	£185½	-1	375	1.9	..
43	22	DSC	39	..	0.7n	1.8	..
483	350	DPCE	472	●+3	4.5	1.0	34.5
258	196½	Dalgety	256	..	17.9	7.0	9.8
23¾	15½	Dana	£22¾	+½	..	..	..
68	33	Davies & Met 'A'	63	..	3.2	6.0	..
220	153	Davies & Newman	198	+5	13.4	6.8	6.3
127	81	Davy	94	●-3	5.3	5.6	9.2
940	715	De La Rue	895	+10	42.5	4.6	11.8
218	105½	Delta	218	+10	7.2	3.3	11.9
208	108	Denbyware	200	●+3	9.5	4.7	11.4
233	132	Dencora	233	+3	9.7	4.2	9.7
19½	10½	Dixie Heel	18	..	0.8	4.4	17.0
330	158	Diploma	330	+7	7.5	2.3	20.4
97½	68	Dobson Park	89½	●+½	7.4	8.3	12.8
115	73	Dom	110	● ..	7.1	6.5	12.2
118	74	Dominion Int	105	+4	7.6	7.2	8.0
74	26	Duport	71½	..	2.6	3.6	18.3
62	12	Dwek	62	+13	..	..	32.0
91	66	Dyson (J&J)	88	● ..	5.7	6.5	21.4
87	64	Do 'A'	78	● ..	5.7	7.3	19.0

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
365	263	Eastern Prod	300	..	14.3	4.8	8.1
178	106	Edbro	178	..	10.0	5.6	7.6
240	148	EIS	240	..	8.9	3.7	14.6
37	27½	Elbief	34½	● ..	2.5	7.2	14.6
119	85	Eleco	114	+5	5.3	4.6	12.4
31⅝	12¼	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	£22¾	-¼	..	..	..
87	51	Elliott (B)	56	●+2	2.9	5.2	16.5
29¼	18½	Emhart	£25½	-¼	139	5.5	..
329	216	English China Clay	329	●+16	15.7	4.8	13.1
30	18¾	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£22¾	-¼	9.0	0.4	..
163	78	Erskine House	163	+8	4.0	2.5	22.2
170½	115	European Ferries	170	+½	6.1	3.6	11.6
163	101	Do 5% Prf	116	..	7.1	6.1	..
270	139	Evered	216	+4	4.6	2.1	18.9
140	104	Evode	118	●+1½	4.6	3.9	13.2
154	90	Expamet Int	152	..	7.6	5.0	19.9
408	272	Extel	405	+2	9.6	2.4	23.8
42	22	Falcon	22	..	1.4	6.4	5.7
37	28	Feedex Agric Ind	30	..	1.4	4.7	33.8
150	108	Fenner (JH)	124	+7	7.1	5.7	19.5
185	60	Fife Indmar	65	..	5.0r	7.7	6.7
515	260	Fisons	515	+10	6.9	1.3	27.5
47	32	Fitzwilton	37	..	1.0	2.7	..
172	86	Flexello C&W	102	..	5.4	5.3	7.8
45	20	Fobel	45	..	0.6	1.3	5.3
115	55	Fogarty	112	..	5.7	5.1	43.1
30½	20½	Folkes Group N/V	28½	+½	1.9	6.7	8.4
172	135	Fothergill & Harvey	160	..	11.8	7.4	14.4
89	43	French (Thomas)	80	● ..	4.1	6.8	..
112	84	GEI Int	106	+1	8.4	7.9	15.7
343	188	GKN	343	+13	15.7	4.6	13.6
280	200	GR	276	..	10.0	3.6	7.8
76	55	Garton Eng	76	..	4.3	5.7	8.2
138	99	Gestetner	134	●-2	2.1	1.6	12.0
145	64	Glevel	145	+7	4.3r	3.0	18.9
16⅛	553½	Glaxo	£10¼	+¼	14.3	1.4	27.6
295	164	Glynwed	295	+6	13.9	4.7	15.9
85	36	Gomme	84	..	2.8	3.5	8.8
640	433	Goring Kerr	460	●+2	15.0	3.3	17.6
201	85	Grampian Hldgs	188	-5	7.9	4.1	25.3
312	148	Granada	282	●-2	10.1	3.5	22.1
16⅝	7¼	Grovebell	9½	+¼	0.7	7.4	5.1
70½	39	Hepo Precision	67	●+2	2.5	3.7	14.1
162	114	Hall Eng	162	+8	11.2	6.9	10.5
186	138	Hall (M)	152	+4	6.8n	4.5	11.6
220	143	Halite	190	● ..	12.9	6.8	13.5
248	155	Halma	243	+2	2.2	0.9	36.8
34	19¾	Hampson Ind	30	●+½	1.7r	5.7	18.9
62	36	Hanimex	41	..	..	..	..
191	133½	Hanson	185	+7	6.7	3.5	14.7
190¾	135	Do 8% Cnv	£159	●+6	800	5.0	..
110½	56½	Do 5¾%	108½	+8	8.2	7.7	..
158	82	Hargreaves	158	+1	7.0	4.5	17.8
195	127	Harris (Philip)	195	..	12.1	6.2	18.7
538	359	Hawker Siddeley	539	+24	17.4	3.2	11.8
114	88	Hawley	104	..	2.7	2.6	9.1
121	73	Hay (Norman)	105	..	5.4	5.1	14.5
172	120	Hepworth Ceramic	164	-1	9.9	6.0	11.7
128	55	Hestair	127	+2	5.1	4.0	53.8
82	54	Hewitt (J)	83	+2	3.4	4.1	11.8
140	58	Highgate & Job	135	..	..	..	26.2
83	62	Hollis Bros	74	+1	..	..	37.2
94	67	Holt Lloyd	83	●+1	8.4	8.5	12.1
180	100	Hopkinsons	180	..	8.8	4.9	11.8
15	7	Howard Machinery	..	..	..	..	..
104	87	Howden	91	..	4.8	5.3	9.1
14⅛	8¾	Hudson Bay	£12¾	-¼	69.0	4.9	..
268	165	Hunting Assoc	255	-3	10.7	4.2	9.3
105	60	Hunting Group	90	+2	8.6	9.6	19.6
268½	201	Hutchin Whampoa	238½	-½	..	..	..
155	88	IMI	155	+7	6.7	4.3	14.0
315	190	Isotron	315	+25	1.8	0.6	58.4
310	205	Jacksons Bourne	283	..	8.6	2.9	16.4
133½	93	Jardine Math	114½	-2	..	..	..
492	423	Johnson Cleaners	492	+2	28.0	5.7	14.4
173	63	Johnson Matthey	173	+5	0.7	0.4	22.2
34½	11½	Johnson & FB	34	..	..	..	17.0
270	160	Johnston	270	..	10.4	3.9	17.2
94	41	Jones & Shipman	94	+8	4.1	4.4	12.2
171	114	Jourdan (Thomas)	165	..	9.5	5.8	12.7
36	22	Kalamazoo	26	+1	2.9	11.2	8.7
32½	22½	Kalon	32	●-½	1.7	5.3	22.9
235	165	Kelsey Ind	210	●+19	11.4	5.4	10.2
126	78	Kennedy Smale	125	..	2.0r	1.6	21.9
385	230	Kershaw (A)	270	●+6	21.4	7.9	14.0
208	155	Kitchen (Rbt Taylor)	208	..	15.7	7.5	9.2
148	80	Kleen-E-Ze	143	..	7.1	5.0	30.7

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
32	13	LDH	32	..	0.5r	1.6	19.3
303	185	Lep	300	+2	6.8	2.3	27.8
280	140	Laird	280	+5	8.0	2.9	12.6
174	88	Lamont	160	+2	5.1	3.2	14.1
61	25½	Lawtex	61	+3	2.1	3.4	6.4
56	24½	Lee (Arthur)	51	..	3.0	5.9	7.2
44	28	Lilleshall	28	..	..	..	22.0
83	62	Lilleshall	72	..	2.9	4.0	11.7
86	27	Linread	84	..	2.7r	3.5	..
72	32	Lloyd (FH)	57	+1	3.6	6.3	16.5
31	20½	Locker (T)	25½	+½	1.9	7.6	8.4
232	173	Lon Midland	199	+7	14.2	7.5	12.5
138	83	Do Dfd	135	+5	..	..	..
85	58	Lon & Nthn	70	+1	7.4	10.6	6.2
199	89	Lon Intl	194	● ..	5.9	3.0	20.5
168	85	Longton Ind	168	●+5	4.3	2.6	21.8
390	157	Low & Bonar	368	-8	12.9r	3.5	12.3
360	221	ML Hdgs	360	●+4	11.1r	3.1	28.8
84	35	MS Int	84	● ..	0.7	0.8	12.0
41½	22½	MY Dart	38½	-½	1.2	3.1	44.8
328	144	Macarthys Pharm	328	●+13½	13.6n	4.1	16.0
150	87½	Macfarlane	128	..	3.2	2.5	21.2
47	34	Maclellan (P&W)	45	..	2.6	5.8	10.0
231	112	McKechnie	227	-1	12.9r	5.7	16.0
86	45	Magnolia	86	..	3.9	4.5	12.3
620	206	Manchester Ship	620	● ..	8.6	1.4	21.0
88	51	Manganese Bronze	58	..	4.3	7.7	8.8
122	70½	Marley	109½	+1½	5.4	4.9	13.5
107	51½	Marling	78	..	2.3	2.9	8.5
93	45	Marshall (Loxley)	93	..	4.3	4.6	14.5
87	37	Do 'A'	87	+1	4.3	4.9	13.6
77	53	Marshalls Univ	71	..	2.9	4.1	17.8
400	285	Martonair	400	+7	15.7	3.9	14.8
700	376	Metal Box	670	-5	24.6	3.7	10.1
172	106	Metal Closures	134	+2	9.6	7.2	8.4
73	50	Metalrax	73	..	3.4r	4.7	13.1
85	55	Mitchell Cotts	78½	+1	6.1	7.8	7.9
85	58	Mitchell Somers	84	..	5.0	6.0	15.6
188	126	Molins	165	..	11.3	6.8	10.4
254	187	Morgan Crucible	254	..	12.1	4.8	14.9
130	89	Moss (Robert)	104	..	4.4	4.2	11.6
25½	9	Neepsend	24	+½	0.1n	0.4	12.4
202	119	Neill (J)	182	..	10.0	5.5	7.7
144	74	Newman Tonks	125	● ..	7.3	6.3	9.7
85	35	Nolton	59	..	1.4	2.4	66.3
219	147	Norcros	219	+3	12.6	5.8	11.0
253	148	Office Elect Mach	208	..	11.4	5.5	11.6
288	165	Parker Knoll 'A'	275	+5	13.6	4.9	10.0
238	123	Park Place	233	+5	8.9	3.8	19.7
678	285	Perrian JT	678	+20	..	..	..
493	288	Pearson	478	+18	13.9	2.9	16.5
31	11	Peek	16½	..	..	..	39.3
97	73	Peerless	95	● ..	3.0n	3.3	12.9
408	268	Pegler-Hattersley	380	-8	21.4	5.6	11.3
400	98	Pentland Ind	350	-5	1.5	0.4	35.5
14	4½	Photo-Me	212	-1	7.5	0.6	33.7
425	248	Pilkington	425	+25	17.9	4.2	9.7
72	48	Plastic Constr	68	● ..	4.0	5.9	11.3
715	490	Portals	710	..	27.9	3.9	14.5
300	183	Porter Chadburn	238	● ..	1.5n	0.6	..
314	238	Powell Duffryn	280	+4	21.7	7.8	15.0
140	38	Prestwich Hldgs	138	-2	0.8	0.6	29.9
99	58½	Pritchard Serv	68½	+2	5.4	7.9	7.9
109	78½	RFD	109	●+2	5.5	5.0	13.4
171	77	RHP	171	r+6	6.1	3.6	12.7
133	72	Radiant Metal	128	..	3.6	2.8	..
564	288	Rank Org	524	●-2½	21.4	4.1	16.5
186	65	Ransome Sims	164	-2	6.1	3.7	13.2
145	100	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	136	+3	5.0	3.7	4.9
710	475	Reckitt & Colman	704	+7	21.1	3.0	16.4
150	68	Redfearn Glass	146	●+10	2.9	2.0	8.8
220	120	Reed Executive	220	+3	5.0	2.3	18.2
787	528	Reed Int	787	+15	27.5	3.5	14.0
160	83	Relyon	135	..	6.4	4.7	10.4
68½	45	Renold	68½	+1	1.0	1.5	9.9
120	86	Restmor	98	● ..	5.7	5.9	14.8
450	270	Reuters	448	+10	4.6	1.0	33.0
29	18	Rexmore	28½	-½	1.4r	4.9	11.2
147	87	Ricardo Eng	145	●-1	4.1	2.8	15.8
85	35	Richard (Leics)	61	..	1.4	2.3	5.0
28	18	Richardson West	20½	+1½	..	..	18.0
159	105	Robertson Res	128	..	3.1	2.4	19.9
229	37	Robinson (Thomas)	223	..	..	..	22.9
58	30	Rockware	41	+4	..	..	3.8
192	126	Ropner	135	..	9.3	6.9	7.9
190	126	Do 'A'	133	..	9.3	7.0	7.8
9	3	Rotaprint	4½	-½	..	..	2.2
137	105	Rotork	133	+1	6.9	5.2	11.1
130	83	Russell (A)	130	+12	2.0	1.5	70.3

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47	16	SI	33	+9	2.3n	7.0	7.0
265	131	Sale Tilney	253	..	7.6	3.0	18.0
88	55	Sandhurst	70	+5	1.7	2.4	20.2
58	43	Saville Gordon (J)	56	● ..	3.5	6.3	13.1
502	388	Scapa	426	+3	16.1	3.8	8.7
116	88	Scott Greenham	109	+1	4.3	3.9	15.2
134	60	Scott Heritable	134	..	4.0	3.0	18.8
115	89	Scott & Robertson	109	..	3.6	3.4	14.2
164	103½	Securicor	149	● ..	1.7	1.1	22.8
154	110	Do 'A'	139	● ..	1.8	1.2	22.2
165	116½	Security Serv	149	●+5	3.4	2.3	26.3
36	19	Senior Eng	35	..	2.3	6.6	14.4
99	38	Shiloh	98	+5	3.2	3.3	8.0
182	123	Sidlaw	143	●+3	12.9	9.0	8.8
731	419	Siebe	728	●-3	17.5	2.4	18.3
43	28	Silentnight	37	..	3.9n	10.5	12.1
280	180	Simon Eng	198	+6	11.4	5.8	7.4
111	63½	600 Group	111	+2	7.9	7.1	10.1
427	320	Sketchley	422	+2	22.4	5.3	17.6
31½	16	SKF 'B'	£30	..	..	..	..
232	164	Smith & Nephew	232	+1	5.8	2.5	23.3
44	28	Smith Whitworth	33	+2	0.4	1.2	32.3
273	161	Smiths Ind	273	+11	6.4	2.3	21.2
84	30	Sparrow (GW)	77	..	1.1	1.4	80.5
225	93	Spear (JW)	225	+6	5.7	2.5	20.4
280	130	Spear & Jackson	280	..	8.6	3.1	12.2
172	35	Spencer Clark	172	●+10	4.3	2.5	9.3
164	122	Spirax-Sarco	164	+2	6.7	4.1	13.3
129	59	Staffs Potteries	122	+7	4.3	3.5	12.3
103	50	Stag Furniture	86	..	3.9	4.5	..
119	78	Standard Fireworks	104	..	5.5	5.3	8.1
63	28	Star Comp	63	+5	..	..	28.1
413	282	Staveley	413	+5	23.5	5.7	11.5
402	265	Steetley	402	+1	17.9	4.5	12.9
103	56	Sterling Ind	103	● ..	3.3	3.2	35.8
205	130	Stocklake	203	..	17.1	8.4	4.3
120	78	Stonehill	85	●+7	8.6	10.5	8.8
210	113	Stothert & Pitt	170	..	..	..	5.0
243	178	Sunlight Serv	192	..	12.9	6.7	8.3
52	24	Sutcliffe Speakman	37	+1	..	..	35.2
218	112	Suter	215	+4	6.0	2.8	20.6
313	207½	Swire Pacific 'A'	254	-1	..	..	..
38	8	Sycamore	28	+1	..	..	..
240	160	Syltone	200	..	14.3	7.2	8.0
441	205	TI	441	+10	14.3	3.2	20.8
153	91	TNT	149	-2	..	..	..
320	94	TSL Thermal	238	..	4.3	1.8	12.1
531½	331	Tace	470	●+5	9.5	2.0	22.0
39½	21	Takeda Chem	£37½	-1½	..	..	..
8	5¼	Talbex	6¼	..	0.3r	4.8	7.9
91	44	Tellos	91	+3	3.9r	4.3	17.5
169	88	Tex Hldgs	169	..	6.1r	3.7	17.2
95	65	Third Mile	95	..	2.9	3.1	14.3
183	35	Thomson T-Line	183	+17	..	..	..
178	104	Tiphook	168	-2	5.3	3.2	28.0
248	137	Tomkins (FH)	220	●-1	3.5	1.6	27.8
400	308	Trafalgar House	324	+6	16.4	5.1	8.8
231	196	Transcontinental	214	●-2	9.6	4.5	15.7
158	105½	Transport Dev	155	+1	8.1	5.2	13.9
19½	7¼	Triefus	16	..	..	..	22.0
80	38	Trefus	80	..	0.1n	0.1	..
80	29½	Triplex	90	+2	2.9r	3.2	13.8
154	81	Turner & Newall	154	+3	4.1	2.7	7.1
175	94	UKO	165	+2	7.1	4.3	7.7
124	20	Unigroup	118	..	1.8n	1.4	25.8
14¼	899	Unilever	£14¼	+½	50.8	3.5	13.4
65¾	44¼	Unilever (NV)	£57⅛	..	..	..	..
295	164	Valor	222	..	6.7	3.0	11.2
405	210	Vickers	405	+37	15.7	3.9	15.0
140	78	Victor Products	128	+2	8.6	6.2	13.5
208	101	Vinten	193	..	4.5r	2.3	23.5
165½	82¼	Volkswagen	£156⅝	+½	..	..	..
305	142	Vosper	183	..	..	..	7.3
66	30	WSL	..	..	..	..	..
174	110	Wade Potteries	152	..	4.3	2.8	15.4
216	95	Wadkin	216	+6	2.1	1.0	..
178	125	Wagon Ind	178	● ..	11.1	6.3	13.4
104	34½	Waterford Glass	104	+7	1.9	1.8	..
185	145	Watshams	173	● ..	5.1	2.9	24.7
266	81	Watson (R Kelvin)	266	..	2.3	0.9	30.0
274	180½	Wedgwood	273	+4	10.7	3.9	12.9
85½	40	Weir	85½	+½	4.1n	4.8	7.1
23	8	Wellman	22½	+½	..	..	..
118	45	Westland	66	-2	4.3	6.5	22.8
118	68	Wests	117½	..	7.9	6.7	16.2
285	185	Whatman Reeve	245	+5	3.1	1.3	22.1
112	84	Whessoe	98	+5	7.9	8.1	6.8
200	138	Whitecroft	200	+1	11.3	5.7	10.7
224	128	Wilkes (James)	183	-5	9.4	5.1	12.7
530	168	Williams Hldgs	525	-3	10.0	1.9	28.8
188	126	Wills Gp	158	..	11.4	7.2	45.3
525	137	Wolseley-Hughes	523	+6	12.8	2.4	15.8
97	48	Wood (Arthur)	70	+2	5.0	7.1	5.4
40	18	Wood (SW)	27	..	1.4	5.2	8.8
80	15	Woodhouse & Rix	80	+2½	2.8	3.6	32.4
89	68	Wyndham Eng	89	..	2.1	2.4	17.7
603	370	Yarrow	583	..	20.0r	3.6	12.3
153	86	Young (H)	153	+3	3.9	2.5	15.4

INSURANCE

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
251	185	Abbey Life	204	+1	9.4	4.6	..
28⅞	18⅝	Alex & Alex	£24⅞	-1	100	4.0	..
28⅞	19⅝	Am Gen	£28⅞	●-⅝	90.0	3.2	..
255	190	Bradstock	253	● ..	7.9	3.1	17.8
837	583	Britannic	828	..	37.9	4.6	..
275	174	Com Union	275	+2	16.9	6.1	..
298	206	Equity & Law	256	+1	8.0	3.1	..
358	104	FAI	293	-5	..	..	..
788	503	Gen Accident	783	+2	28.6	3.7	19.7
815	618	GRE	813	+3	37.9	4.7	23.6
723	548	Heath C E	701	-2	31.4	4.5	10.7
321	217	Hogg Robinson	315	●-1	13.4	4.3	15.6
777	545	Legal & Gen	734	+2	32.1	4.4	..
34	19	Lib Life SA R1	£26	+1	..	..	..
872	642	London & Man	819	..	31.8	3.9	32.4
338	242	Lon Utd Inv	333	..	18.6	5.6	12.6
70	48⅝	Marsh & McLen	£67⅞	-¼	220	3.3	..
308	181	Minet	265	-1	9.9	3.7	17.5
365	218	PWS	273	..	12.9	4.7	34.1
14	977	Pearl	£12⅞	..	58.4	4.4	..
819	483	Prudential	809	+7	34.3	4.2	53.4
435	276	Refuge	401	+3	16.8	4.2	..
865	515	Royal	855	+7	34.6	4.0	26.4
413	332	Sedgwick Gp	390	-3	14.5	3.7	17.6
794	255	Stewart Wr'son	404	+2	14.4	3.6	21.8
450	330	Sturge Hldgs	420	● ..	8.6	2.0	26.8
618	391	Sun Alliance	615	+4	22.1	3.6	58.4
904	709	Sun Life	887	+8	30.5	3.5	..
365	220	Trade Indemnity	360	..	12.8	3.6	13.1
469	286	Willis Faber	432	+13	10.4	2.4	28.6

LEISURE

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
146	98	Barr & WA 'A'	123	..	10.0	8.1	9.1
186	133	Boosey & Hawkes	143	..	..	..	21.4
130	98	Brent Walker	103	-1	7.9	7.7	8.7
58	22	Campari	58	+3	1.4	2.4	19.5
225	170	Chrysalis	210	..	8.0	3.8	13.8
433	231	First Leisure	420	+7	10.7	2.5	18.1
68½	31½	GRA	38	..	..	..	70.7
75	35	Horizon Brooks	68	..	..	..	44.4
146	78	Horizon Travel	108	+1	6.3	5.8	21.0
140	93	Int Leisure	126	..	6.9	5.5	9.3
231	86	Juliana's Hldgs	88	-2	3.0	3.4	13.6
205	124	Medminster	150	..	7.6	5.1	10.0
340	184	Pleasurama	331	+5	8.9	2.7	20.0
64	32	Riley Leisure	58	..	..	..	5.1
227	147	Saga Holidays	227	..	6.1	2.7	24.8
304	213½	Samuelson Gp	285	●-1	3.4	1.2	..
80	51	Tottenham Hotspur	51	-2	5.7	11.2	9.3
152	92	Zetters	152	●+3	6.1	4.0	13.0

MINING

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
22	8⅝	Ang Amer Coal	£11¼	..	..	..	..
11¼	570	Ang Am	69½	-¼	54.0	5.4	..
79	28½	Am Gold	255½	..	446	8.0	..
47½	26½	AAIT	£46	+1	271	5.9	..
39½	21	Anglovaal	£39	-1	142	3.7	..
39½	21	Do 'A'	£39	..	142	3.6	..
295	158	Ayer Hitam	173	..	47.8	27.6	..
787	285	Blyvoors	388	-12	79.0	20.4	..
187	71	Bracken	150	+2	26.0	17.3	..
37	12¾	Buffels	£17½	-¼	282	14.9	..
392	238	CRA	282	+6	..	..	..
100	62	Carr Boyd	75	+1	..	..	..
584	387	Cons Goldfields	469	+2	35.0	7.5	11.5
458	257	De Beers	458	+2	18.0	3.9	..
280	95	Deelkraal	180	..	4.0	2.2	..
16½	5⅝	Doornfontein	£7¾	..	92.0	11.8	..
23⅝	8¼	Driefontein	£13¾	..	128	9.8	..
12½	3¾	Durban	£5¾	..	..	..	..
318	148	E Daggas	340	..	..	..	..
780	275	Elandsrand	503	+8	12.0	2.4	..
200	125	El Oro	148	..	6.0	4.1	12.4
248	60	Elsburg	180	..	14.0	7.8	..
488	233	E Rand Gold	375	..	28.0	7.5	..
730	2⅝	E Rand Prp	£3⅞	..	..	..	..
8⅝	8⅝	FS Cons	£7⅞	..	..	..	..
273	64	FS Dev	173	..	..	..	..
248	43	Geevor Tin	68	+4	17.1n	28.7	2.5
11	4½	Gencor	£7¾	..	60.0	7.7	..
12⅝	4⅝	Gen Mining	£9½	+⅛	87.0	9.2	..
14⅛	5¾	GFSA	£9⅝	-⅛	46.0	4.8	..
608	348	GM Kalgoorli	398	..	..	..	..
175	53	Gopeng	53	..	20.0	37.7	..
650	230	Grootvlei	325	-5	54.0	16.6	..
218	113½	Hampton Areas	125	● ..	5.4	4.3	38.9
13⅞	4½	Harmony	£9	..	62.8	7.0	..
525	190	Hartles	310	..	17.0	5.5	..
87	40	Johnnies	275	+1	345	4.6	..
18⅞	6½	Kinross	210½	-½	89.0	8.4	..
8⅝	3⅝	Kloof	£5¾	n ..	40.0	7.3	..
276	87	Leslie	150	..	29.8	19.8	..
20⅝	7½	Libanon	£12⅝	+⅝	115	9.1	..
423	193	Loraine	350	+2	..	..	..
198	110	MIM	127	+3	..	..	..
55	21	Malaysian Mining	24	..	..	..	..
176	70	Marievale	110	..	17.0	15.5	..
38	14½	Metals Exploration	18	+1	..	..	..
17	7	Mhangura	14	..	..	..	..
10½	4½	Middle Wits	£8½	..	..	..	..
792	450	Minorco	580	-5	10.0	1.7	..
5⅝	2½	New Wits	£4½	..	23.0	5.1	..
185	99	Nth Broken Hill	124	..	..	..	..
54½	28½	Nth Kalgurli	45½	●+2½	..	..	..
375	185	Northgate	222	+2	..	..	..
21¼	20	Orange Free	£21¼	..	..	..	..
280	108	Petaling Tin	113	..	..	..	..
318	205	Peko Wallsend	251	..	..	..	..
33¼	14	Rand Mines Ltd	£19	..	..	..	..
800	275	Rand Mines Prop	435	-5	12.0	2.8	11.9
85	18	Randfontein	£62½	-2	551	8.8	..
305	231	Renison	283	-2	..	..	..
687	507	RTZ	614	+22	28.3	4.6	8.8
6⅛	4½	Rustenburg	£7	-½	28.0	3.7	52.8
28⅝	6⅛	St Helena	£9⅝	-½	125	12.7	..
279	78	SA Land	153	+5	18.0	11.8	..
73⅛	15⅝	Southvaal	£27½	+½	118	4.2	..
8⅞	319	Stilfontein	625	-13	..	..	..
360	128	Sungei Besi	123	..	..	..	..
275	100	Tanjong	100	..	..	..	6.8
14⅛	8	Tara	10	-½	..	..	..
310	108	Tronoh	108	..	..	..	..
865	335	Unisel	513	-12	46.0	9.0	..
87	32¾	Vaal Reefs	£58	+¼	555	9.9	..
844	315	Venterspost	513	..	54.0	10.5	..
170	55	Vlakfontein	100	..	15.0	15.0	..
115	50	Vogels	85	● ..	4.3	5.1	11.1
15	10½	Wankie Colliery	10½	..	..	..	..
737	340	Welkom	519	+49	67.0	12.9	..
420	143	Western Areas	263	..	23.0	8.7	..
39	15⅝	Western Deep	£27⅝	..	171	6.1	..
248	142	Western Mining	175	+4	3.0	1.7	..
470	140	West Rand Cons	235	..	12.0	5.1	..
182	104	Winkelhaak	110	+2	..	..	..
31	8⅝	Wits Nigel	£15½	+½	178	11.8	..
187	32	Zambia Copper	44	-3	1.1	2.5	..
19	10	Zandpan	15	+¼	..	..	..
88	32		32	-2	3.7	7.1	..

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
167	111	AE	167	●+2	7.1	4.3	11.6
93	38	Appleyard	93	+2	4.3	4.6	8.2
90	32	Armstrong	39	+4	7.5	1.6	13.1
205	65	Auto Products	190	..	2.1n	1.1	16.5
32½	22	BSG	32	+1	1.5	4.7	13.9
..	..	Blumel Bros	..	..	..	..	..
235	128	Bramall (CD)	236	+7	9.9	4.2	13.3
516	283	Br Aerospace	515	+7	20.3	3.9	9.9
126	79	Br Car Auctions	124	..	4.6	3.7	13.6
71	28	BL	60	+2	..	..	..
180	120	Caffyns	180	+10	6.4	3.6	..
96	41	Cowie (T)	96	..	4.3	4.4	13.6
128	86½	Davis (Godfrey)	124	..	5.7	4.6	14.6
227	164	Dowty	192	●+2	7.3	3.8	14.8
46	32	ERF	41	+1	..	..	8.2
369	242	FR Group	369	+8	4.8	1.3	28.4
248	148	Ford Motor	246	●-1	7.0	2.8	..
92	58	Gates (Frank G)	79	-2	4.3	5.5	8.6
376	226	General Motor	276	●-2	25.0	9.1	..
63	43	Glanfield Lawrence	60	..	..	..	12.6
129	69	Group Lotus	128	..	..	..	40.0
91	48	Hartwells	91	..	3.6	4.9	12.1
549	354	Honda Motor	373	-10	3.8	1.0	..
501	237	Jaguar	476	-12	11.1	2.3	15.4
90	62	Jessups	84	-2	5.7	6.8	6.4
160	97	Kenning Motor	138	● ..	8.3	6.0	24.3
78	28	Kwik-Fit	77	+2	2.8	3.6	22.6
323	159	Lex	314	+2	15.1	4.8	9.8
105	63	Lookers	109	+1	7.0	6.7	8.7
620	233	Lucas	620	+14	15.7	2.5	12.5
125	85	Perry gp	125	+1	6.3	5.0	14.0
84	66	Plaxton (GB)	82	..	6.4	7.8	11.2
71	39	Quick (HJ)	69	+2	3.7	5.4	..
50	28	Supra	50	..	2.8	5.6	14.2
48	21	Woodhead (Jonas)	39	..	0.1	0.3	9.9

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
283	166	Assoc Book	195	..	7.5	3.8	11.2
10¼	122	Assoc Newspaper	273	●+10½	24.3	8.9	3.7
350	255	Black (A&C)	305	..	13.9	4.6	16.9
600	390	Bristol	565	-5	32.9	5.8	27.5
495	333	Collins (Wm)	475	-15	9.8	2.1	24.4
338	263	Do 'A'	328	+2	9.8	3.0	16.8
489	95	Emap 'A'	183	..	4.7	2.8	24.1
380	280	Haynes Publishing	345	..	20.6	5.9	18.0
171	63	Home Counties	143	+6	6.7	4.7	6.1
288	130	Independent	288	..	12.0	4.2	..
822	404	Int Thomson	408	+6	14.0	3.4	12.2
10	505	News International	850	+25	19.1	1.4	..
585	423	Octopus	556	+5	8.2	1.5	31.8
747	138	Portsmouth Sund	138	+1	8.7	4.5	12.8
277	220	Trinity Int	249	+1	17.4	7.0	8.2
330	260	Utd Newspapers	365	+4	22.9	7.0	12.5

OIL

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
129	91	Ampol	118	+1	..	..	..
37	18	Aran Energy	20	-1	..	..	..
78	18	Atlantic Resources	18	-1	..	..	..
648	470	Br Petroleum	530	●-11	48.6	9.2	6.1
32	7	Bristol Oil	9	..	..	..	..
358	295	Br Borneo	323	..	26.4	8.2	12.8
245	168	Britoil	183	+16	18.6	10.2	5.6
330	209	Burmah	316	+3	15.4	4.9	11.9
176	70	Carless Capel	80	+5	3.9	4.9	8.8
98	65	Century	93	..	5.7	6.0	46.8
37	21	Charterhall	21	..	0.8	4.3	3.0
208	127	Enterprise	134	-4	12.1	9.0	4.5
71	28	Gerber Energy	30	-1	..	..	..
355	200	Global Nat Res	200	..	..	..	..
58	34	Goal Pet	42	..	7.4	3.3	5.8
310	46	Gt Western Res	50	●-5	4.1	8.2	..
391	271	IC Gas	326	+7	22.1	6.7	9.7
23¼	4½	ICC Oil	..	..	..	..	..
84	50	Inoco	57	..	..	..	..
48	19	KCA Drilling	21	+1	4.3	20.5	..
379	138	LASMO	158	+12	17.4	11.0	9.7
520	230	Do Units	280	-10	144	38.5	..
175	33	New London Oil	35	..	..	..	..
210	111	Petrocon	135	+2	7.8	5.8	7.3
38	28½	Premier	31¼	+1	..	..	14.9
480	185	Ranger	190	+5	..	..	..
80¼	40¼	Royal Dutch	£45	+¼	226	5.0	..
791	620	Shell	686	+8	48.6	7.0	5.4
175	133	Saltoire	136	..	12.5	9.5	9.1
207	60	Sovereign	69	+2	..	..	2.6
33	18½	TR Energy	19	+½	..	..	18.6
283	118	Tricentrol	139	+8	14.3	10.5	3.7
405	100	Triton Europe	108	..	..	..	22.5
348	190	Ultramar	210	+4	15.0	7.1	4.5

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	134	Anglo Indonesian	186	..	10.7	5.7	3.9
41	24	Boustead	36	●-2	0.7	1.8	18.5
182	83	Finlay (James)	106	+1	6.9	5.6	5.0
478	325	Harrison Crosfield	363	+8	28.6	7.9	11.0
438	290	Inchcape	354	+2	25.9	7.3	16.1
33	25	Jacks (Wm)	31	..	1.4	4.5	9.7
269	147	Lonrho	262	●+1	17.1	6.5	10.3
57	44	Ocean Wilson	56	..	4.2	7.5	7.1
240	126	Paterson Zoch	230	-3	8.4	3.7	7.5
240	129	Do 'A'	220	-3	8.4	3.7	7.5
288	131	Polly Peck	158	●+1½	7.5	4.7	3.0
86	40	Sime Darby	46	..	..	..	..
585	465	Steel Bros	575	..	22.9	4.0	9.3
122	85	Tozer Kemsley	116	+3	..	..	36.7
251	158	Yule Catto	166	..	8.9	5.4	7.2

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	43	Adcom Int	56	-1	1.2	2.1	20.6
238	172	Assoc Paper	237	-1	8.6	3.6	14.2
50	33	Ault & Wiborg	37	-2	..	..	8.9
178	128	Benrose	141	..	1.9	1.3	8.1
412½	324	Boase Massimi	392	..	5.4	1.8	29.0
229	159	BPCC	216	-1	17.1r	7.9	8.1
172	130	Bunzl	146	..	7.0	4.8	36.8
162	103	Do R/V	147	..	7.0	4.8	36.8
548	408	Bund	548	+12	14.3	2.6	17.6
830	461	Carlton Comm	830	● ..	8.6	1.0	26.8
281	175	Chapman	178	..	12.0	6.7	6.2
208	113	Cropper (James)	193	..	3.6	1.9	18.7
250	145	DRG	253	+8	11.8	4.7	12.0
188	145	Davidson Pearce	180	+5	3.6	3.3	17.3
580	365	Eucalyptus Pulp	365	-5	10.0	2.7	2.7
228	128	Ferguson Ind	228	+8	10.6	4.6	15.8
485	350	Fitch Design	425	+20	8.0	1.9	31.9
175	53	Geers Gross	73	+1	4.3	5.9	7.3
263	110	Good Relations	128	+2	7.7	6.0	12.8
272	183	Hunterprint	198	● ..	6.7	3.4	7.3
383	218	Lowe H-S C-E	333	+5	8.6	2.4	23.3
191½	133	McCorquodale	165	-3	8.1	4.9	16.4
103	65	More O'Ferrall	101	..	4.9	4.9	17.8
165	100	Norton Opax	148	..	4.3	2.9	16.4
39⅞	27⅞	Ogilvy & Mather	£32⅞	-⅞	..	..	..
45	27	Owen Paper	39	..	..	..	31.1
680	458	St Ives Gp	680	..	12.9	2.8	27.1
870	615	Saatchi & Saatchi	870	●+23½	20.0	2.3	19.3
137	103	Do 6.3% Cnv Prf	137	-1	9.0	6.6	..
151	22½	Smurfit (Jeff)	151	+6	4.7	3.1	..
215	195	Usher Walker	208	..	9.7	4.7	11.2
52	28	Wace	48	+1	..	..	11.1
630	455	Waddington (J)	620	+10	35.7	5.8	12.2
298	223	Waterlow	285	+2	8.8r	3.1	13.8

PROPERTY

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
36¾	11	Abaco	36½	●+2	0.2	0.6	57.5
80	66	Allied Lon	75	..	2.0	2.7	17.8
123	70	Apex	75	● ..	2.9	3.9	18.7
176	70	Bellway Eves	170	..	2.7n	1.6	27.7
520	361	Beazer (CH)	520	+4	17.1	3.3	12.5
150	80	Belgrave	124	..	6.0	4.8	8.5
244	212	Billon (P)	242	..	15.1	6.2	15.4
470	380	Bradford	460	..	13.8	3.0	18.4
174	131	Br Land	171	-2	3.9	2.3	17.4
156	122	Brixton	156	+1	7.6	4.9	24.8
45	28	Card (A)	42	..	..	..	..
229	195	Cap & Counties	220	..	8.6	3.9	25.9
225	145	Cattell Prop	206	● ..	7.8	1.3	..
240	173	Centrovincial	173	● ..	8.6	4.6	18.5
480	400	Chesterfield	455	..	15.7	3.3	28.8
853	553½	CALA	790	+10	22.7r	3.3	11.7
165	120	Clarke Nickolls	133	..	8.0	5.9	19.1
218	85	Conolla	208	+2	9.0	3.3	24.9
43	17	Control Secs	36	..	4.3	36.6	2.2
118	87	County & New	116	+1	3.0	3.1	12.4
144	88	County 'B'	144	●+4	6.0	3.6	4.6
235	175	Cussins	218	..	9.9	4.3	26.1
280	203	Daejan	280	●+5	18.6	3.2	12.4
280	236	Dares	275	..	..	..	..
21	6	Dares	8½	+½	..	..	3.2
158	145	Estates & Agency	155	..	4.3	2.6	74.6
121	89	Estates Gen	117	..	3.4	2.9	33.5
158	140	Estates Prop	147	● ..	12.1	8.2	12.8
92	88	Evans Of Leeds	87	..	5.0	5.7	10.8
39	25	Five Oaks	38	..	..	..	..
186	160	Fregmore	186	..	8.9	5.3	11.8
148	140	Gt Portland	184	+2	10.0	5.4	27.1
248	184	Greycoat	246	+4	2.8	1.1	46.6
137	78	Hallwood Gp	120	+17	..	..	..
520	450	Hammerson	485	..	12.1	2.6	34.3
515	415	Do 'A'	475	..	12.1	2.5	33.6
173	93	Hanover	160	+2	4.6	2.9	27.4
280	196	Hardanger	245	..	14.0	5.7	8.3
823	444	Haslemere	620	+2	14.0	2.3	38.9
325	255	Imry	280	●-3	7.7	2.8	32.7
180	85	Jermyn	155	..	2.3	1.5	88.6
315	262	Laing Prop	315	+5	9.6	3.0	17.0
84	35½	Land Investors	63	+2	1.7	2.7	35.8
332	255	Land Securities	328	-4	12.1	3.7	29.4
605	186	Lon & Edin Tst	605	..	9.6	1.6	27.8
205	102½	Do 8⅛%	202	+3	9.3	4.6	..
328	218	Lon & Prov Shop	250	+5	6.6	2.6	22.1
171	119	Lon Shop Prop	165	..	7.6r	4.6	13.9
325	290	Lynton	293	..	8.6	2.9	28.8
380	255	MEPC	370	-10	16.8	4.1	23.7
101	88	McInerney	100	..	..	..	..
139	106	McKay Secs	115	●-2	4.9	4.3	18.9
107	35	Markheath	58	●+3	3.1r	5.3	26.2
128	125	Merivale Moore	125	..	3.6	2.9	12.4
70	59	Marlborough	68	+1	0.8r	1.2	33.8
210	120	Marler Est	216	+12	4.3n	2.0	21.0
850	238	Mountleigh	850	●+3	10.7n	1.5	18.4
445	286	Mountview	446	●+5	6.4	1.4	9.3
87	78	Muckow (A&J)	86	..	7.2	7.5	14.7
24	12	Municipal	£19¼	..	16.7	0.8	48.9
82	79½	New Cavendish	75	..	1.7	2.3	33.0
51	28	Parkdale	45	● ..	2.1r	4.7	22.7
288	220	Peachey	276	..	12.1	4.4	36.7
202	175	Prop & Rev	198	..	6.2	3.3	31.5
132	107	Prop Hldgs	130	+2	3.8	3.0	31.4
125	98	Prop Security	120	●+1	3.6r	3.0	26.0
10	7	Raglan	9	..	0.1	1.1	..
445	85	Regalian	405	..	5.2	1.3	30.6
475	190	Rosehaugh	470	..	1.1	0.2	..
287	210	Rush & Tompkins	278	..	11.2	4.0	12.2
185	142	Samuel	179	+6	8.4	4.8	27.5
92	76	Scot Met	88	+3	5.7	6.7	16.5
172	125	Slough Estates	168	-1	7.4	4.4	19.2
325	175	Speyhawk	302	..	13.6	4.5	15.7
164	144	Stand Secs	160	● ..	5.8	3.6	18.1
570	406	Stock Conversion	568	..	12.1	2.1	28.2
80	54	Stockley	76	+2	..	..	..
50	38	Town Centre	48	..	1.4	3.0	27.4
240	185	Trafford Park	208	-3	16.4	8.0	13.8
605	480	Utd Real	598	● ..	2.8	0.4	23.1
745	523	Warner	745	● ..	25.7	3.4	43.0
519	410	Warnford	486	● ..	21.4	4.4	46.5
26⅞	17	Webb (Jos)	25	●-3	0.7	2.8	30.8
183	140	West & Country	160	+3	11.4	7.1	9.1

SHOES AND LEATHER

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
340	198	FII	340	+15	8.9	2.6	13.3
238	183	Garnar Booth	180	..	13.1	7.3	8.4
38	28	Headlam Sims	38	..	3.1n	8.0	8.2
223	132	Lambert Howarth	180	+2	7.2	4.0	8.4
86	68	Newbold & Burton	75	+2	4.4	5.8	..
84	48	Pittard	64	..	3.8	6.9	6.1
132	118	Strong & Fisher	120	+6	10.7	8.2	3.2
208	143	Stylo	183	+7	6.4	3.5	22.6

TEXTILES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
587	280	Allied Text	483	●-1	19.6	4.1	11.5
200	106	Atkins Bros	173	..	8.1	4.7	44.6
112	71	Beales (John)	100	..	5.5n	5.4	4.7
192	84	Beckman (A)	180	..	8.2	6.1	10.5
153	107½	Br Mohair	128	..	8.6	6.6	8.2
86	35	Bulmer & Lumb	67	+1	7.1	10.6	16.9
280	129	Coats Patons	254	+6	8.2n	3.2	12.1
73½	42½	Corah	65	+2	5.7	8.4	8.4
230	121	Courtaulds	229	..	7.9	3.4	9.5
111	37	Crowther (J)	111	+7	2.1r	1.9	28.6
228	151	Dawson	228	+10	8.8r	3.9	14.6
75½	30	Dewhirst	75	+1	..	..	38.9
300	115	Dixon (D)	280	+7	9.3	3.3	8.4
164	79	Dixon Bros	130	..	4.6	3.5	6.4
169	30	Dura Mill	33	..	6.7	18.0	4.1
94	67	Foster (John)	78	+4	6.0	6.2	7.1
82	68	Gaskell Broadloom	80	..	7.9	8.1	6.7
63	35	Helping Pensions	..	..	..	..	32.4
159	90	Ingram (Harold)	110	+10	3.9	3.5	14.2
78	60	Jerome (S)	68	..	4.6	6.8	8.7
165	101	Leeds	160	..	7.4	4.6	9.7
74	49½	Lister	68	..	6.4	9.5	21.4
46	30	Lyles (S)	40	..	7.9	9.5	17.1
64	67	Mackay (Hugh)	64	..	6.8	6.5	15.7
39½	7	Munton	16	+1½	..	..	5.4
128	80	Parkland 'A'	121	+4	6.9	5.7	5.7
38	24½	Readicut	36	..	3.3	8.1	9.9
174	130	SEET	136	● ..	7.3r	5.4	8.5
45	28	Shaw Carpets	38	+½	3.6n	12.4	16.1
161	106	Sirdar	159	..	5.9	3.7	12.7
57	33	Smallshaw (R)	52	..	3.6	6.9	6.0
77	37½	Stroud Riley	71	●+2	3.6	5.1	12.5
143	85	Textured Jersey	140	●+4	7.9	5.6	10.0
128	83	Tomkinsons	120	-5	4.8	3.6	8.5
99½	58	Tootal	92½	+2	5.7r	6.2	9.3
260	130	Yorkyde	250	..	9.3	3.7	11.4

TOBACCOS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
365	253	BAT	360	+2	15.7	4.4	7.5
323	162	Imperial	316	●+8½	17.1	5.4	11.7
206	111	Rothmans 'B'	162	-1	9.1	5.6	5.6

● ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend c Corrected price e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Bid for company k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings p Ex-capital distribution r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free y Price adjusted for late dealings .. No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
		SHORTS (Under Five Years)				
99⅝	92½	Treas C 10% 1986	99⅝	..	10.0	..
98	92	Treas 3% 1986	97½	..	3.1	..
100	93⅝	Exch 10½% 1986	99½	..	10.6	..
101⅛	94⅝	Treas 12% 1986	99⅞	..	12.0	..
99¾	92⅝	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	99⅝	+⅛	8.6	..
98	87½	Exch 2½% 1986	95⅞	..	2.6	..
105¼	96	Exch 14% 1986	101⅛	+⅛	13.9	..
104⅜	95⅞	Exch 13¼% 1987	101⅛	+⅛	13.1	..
99⅞	92	Treas C10¼% 1987	99	+⅛	10.3	..
94¾	84⅝	Exch 2½% 1987	94⅝	●+¼	2.6	..
100½	94½	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅝	+⅛	10.6	..
95⅞	88	Fund 6½% 1985-87	95⅝	+⅛	6.8	..
99⅞	92⅝	Treas 10% 1987	98½	+⅛	10.2	..
93⅞	83⅝	Treas 3% 1987	93	+⅛	3.2	..
102¾	54	Treas 12% 1987	101	+⅛	11.9	..
95⅝	89⅝	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	95	+⅛	8.2	..
100	91⅝	Exch 10½% 1988	99⅜	+⅛	10.6	..
98⅞	90⅝	Treas C9¾% 1988	97⅝	+⅛	10.0	..
89⅝	79½	Treas 3% 1978-88	89⅞	+⅛	3.4	..
97⅞	88⅝	Treas 9½% 1988	96⅞	+⅛	9.9	..
102⅝	93⅝	Treas 11½% 1989	101⅛	+⅛	11.4	..
99⅝	90⅝	Treas 10½% 1989	99	+⅛	10.6	..
99⅝	90½	Exch 10% 1989	97½	+⅛	10.3	..
99⅝	94⅝	Exch 10% 1989	98⅝	+1	10.3	..
77½	70⅝	Exch 2½% 1990	77⅛	..	3.2	..
101⅛	90⅞	Exch 11% 1990	100⅛	●+⅛	10.9	..
86⅞	78	Treas 5% 1986-89	86⅝	+⅛	5.8	..
107⅛	94⅝	Exch 11% 1990	100⅝	+⅛	10.9	..
97⅞	88	Treas C9¼% 1989	95⅞	+⅛	9.9	..
84⅞	79	Treas 3% 1989	84⅞	+⅛	3.6	..
108⅞	100	Treas 13% 1990	106⅞	+⅛	12.2	..
108⅜	99⅝	Exch 12½% 1990	105⅝	+⅛	11.8	..
81½	75⅞	Treas 3% 1990	80⅞	+⅛	3.7	..
93⅝	86	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	91⅞	+⅛	9.0	..
101	91⅝	Treas 10% 1990	98⅞	+⅛	10.3	..
		FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS				
108⅝	96⅞	Treas 11¾% 1991	103⅜	+⅛	11.4	..
87⅞	79	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	86⅞	+⅛	6.6	..
105⅛	95⅝	Exch 11% 1991	101⅛	+⅛	10.9	..
113⅝	100	Treas 12¾% 1992	108⅞	+⅛	11.7	..
100⅞	87⅞	Treas 10% 1992	97⅞	+⅛	10.2	..
104⅞	94	Treas C10¼% 1992	99⅞	+⅛	10.6	..
111	98⅞	Exch 12¼% 1992	106⅞	●+⅛	11.5	..
117⅝	102½	Exch 13½% 1992	112⅛	●+⅛	12.0	..
97⅞	84⅝	Treas 10% 1993	97⅛	+⅛	10.3	..
113⅞	98⅞	Treas 12½% 1993	109	+⅛	11.5	..
83⅞	74⅞	Fund 6% 1993	82⅞	●+⅛	7.3	..
121⅜	108⅞	Treas 13¾% 1993	115⅛	+⅛	11.9	..
125⅛	105⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	120⅛	●+⅛	12.1	..
119⅛	107⅛	Exch 12½% 1994	114⅛	+⅛	11.8	..
113⅞	97⅝	Exch 13½% 1994	109⅞	+⅛	11.4	..
96⅞	83⅝	Treas 9% 1994	91⅞	+⅛	9.8	..
111	97⅝	Treas 12% 1995	107⅛	+⅛	11.2	..
71⅞	61⅞	Gas 3% 1990-95	71⅞	+⅛	4.2	..
101	88⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	97⅞	+⅛	10.5	..
118⅜	104⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	112⅞	+⅛	11.3	..
124	108	Treas 14% 1996	119⅞	+⅛	11.7	..
94⅞	84⅝	Treas 9% 1992-96	91⅞	●+⅛	9.8	..
134⅛	120⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	127⅛	+⅛	12.0	..
122½	108⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	116⅞	+⅛	11.4	..
121⅝	108⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	116⅞	+⅛	11.3	..
102	88⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	99⅞	+⅛	10.5	..
91⅞	79⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	89⅞	●+⅛	9.8	..
132⅝	119⅝	Exch 15% 1997	127⅛	+⅛	11.8	..
79⅞	69⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	77⅞	+⅛	8.7	..
98⅞	86	Exch 9¾% 1998	95⅞	+⅛	10.2	..
137⅛	122⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	132⅛	●+⅛	11.7	..
115⅛	102	Exch 12% 1998	110⅛	+⅛	10.9	..
97⅞	85⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	95	+⅛	10.0	..
116⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅛	●+⅛	10.9	..
105⅛	93⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	101⅛	+⅛	10.4	..
103⅛	91⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	99⅞	+⅛	10.3	..
122⅞	108⅞	Treas 13% 2000	118⅞	+⅛	10.9	..
		OVER FIFTEEN YEARS				
99⅞	91⅞	Treas 10% 2001	95⅞	●+⅛	10.1	..
98⅞	89⅞	Conv 9¾% 2001	97⅛	+⅛	10.0	..
128⅞	114⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	122⅞	+⅛	11.4	..
101⅞	92⅛	Conv 10% 2002	98⅞	+⅛	10.1	..
114⅛	100⅞	Exch 12% 1999-02	111	+⅛	10.8	..
98⅞	90	Treas 9¾% 2002	97⅛	●+⅛	10.0	..
100⅞	93⅛	Treas 10% 2003	100⅛	+⅛	10.0	..
127⅞	112⅛	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	123⅛	+⅛	11.1	..
113⅛	101⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	110	●+⅛	10.5	..
101⅛	94⅛	Treas 10% 2004	99⅞	+⅛	10.1	..
53⅛	48	Fund 3½% 1999-04	52⅛	+⅛	6.7	..
97⅞	87⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	95⅞	+⅛	9.9	..
98⅛	90⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	95⅞	+⅛	9.9	..
108⅛	94⅞	Exch 10½% 2005	104	●+⅛	10.1	..
122⅛	110	Treas 12½% 2003-05	116⅞	+⅛	10.6	..
85⅞	78⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	83⅞	+⅛	9.6	..
115⅛	102	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	112⅛	+⅛	10.4	..
130⅛	115⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128⅛	●+⅛	10.7	..
63⅞	57	Treas 5½% 2008-12	62⅞	●+⅛	8.8	..
83⅛	74⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	82⅞	+1	9.4	..
124	111	Exch 12% 2013-17	119⅞	+⅛	10.0	..
		UNDATED				
41⅛	38⅞	Consols 4%	40⅞	+⅛	9.9	..
37⅛	33⅞	War Ln 3½%	36⅞	+⅛	9.7	..
47⅛	41	Conv 3½%	47⅛	●+2⅛	7.4	..
31⅛	28⅞	Treas 3%	31	+⅛	9.7	..
26	23⅞	Consols 2½%	25⅞	+⅛	9.7	..
26⅛	23⅛	Treas 2½%	25⅞	●+1⅛	9.7	..
		INDEX-LINKED				
118⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 2% 1988	116⅛	+⅛	2.1	..
102⅛	91	Treas IL 2% 1990	102⅛	+⅛	2.2	..
114⅛	108	Treas IL 2% 1996	113	●+⅛	2.5	..
103⅛	95⅛	Treas IL2½% 2001	99⅛	●+⅛	3.1	..
103⅛	93⅛	Treas IL2% 2003	96⅛	+⅛	3.1	..
109⅛	98⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	101	+⅛	2.7	..
105⅛	92⅛	Treas IL2½% 2009	96⅛	+⅛	3.1	..
108⅛	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	101⅛	+⅛	3.1	..
91⅛	79⅛	Treas IL2½% 2013	85⅛	●+⅛	3.2	..
99⅛	87⅛	Treas IL2½% 2016	92⅛	+⅛	3.1	..
98⅛	86⅛	Treas IL2½% 2020	90⅛	+⅛	3.2	..

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
216	90	Allied Irish	216	+6	8.0	4.2	..
86	48	Ansbacher (Henry)	68	+1	..	..	41.0
321	194½	Aus New Z	241	-1	16.0	6.2	..
18½	8⅝	Bankamerica	£9½	-⅛	..	..	..
410	225	Bank Of Ireland	410	+10	17.0	4.1	..
15½	8½	Bank Leumi Israel	£9½	..	..	..	..
290	215	Bank Leumi UK	240	● ..	16.0	6.7	11.2
444	351½	Bank Of Scotland	377	..	18.0r	4.9	9.2
479	332	Barclays	464	-10	24.0	5.2	8.7
445	380	Brown Shipley	446	+5	13.2	3.0	19.2
548	423	Cater Allen	498	+15	41.3	8.3	12.1
45½	23½	Cattles	45½	..	2.3	5.1	15.5
37¾	17⅛	Chase Manhattan	£28⅞	●-⅞	306	14.0	..
42¾	27⅞	Chicorp	£34⅞	-1⅞	8.0	..	..
72	32	Clive	44	+4	1.3	3.0	8.0
65	27	Com Bank Wales	65	●+1	3.4	5.2	10.0
107½	42⅞	Commerzbank	£97	..	8.0	0.1	..
264	104½	Deutsche Bank	£226	-3	200	5.3	..
197	74½	First Nat Finance	194	●+11	4.0	2.1	11.8
372	249	Gerrard Nat	312	+16	18.9	6.1	18.2
92	55	Guinness Peat	81	●+2	2.7	3.3	12.9
248	131	Hambros	238	+5	9.8	4.0	19.9
31	12½	Do (50p)	£30	..	95.7	3.2	25.1
376	273	Hill Samuel	375	+4	17.0	4.5	9.9
99	81½	HK Shangai	85⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
383	233	Joseph (Leopold)	378	-5	17.4	4.6	19.7
168	138	King & Shaxson	148	+4	11.8	8.0	17.8
710	375	Kleinwort Benson	710	+30	21.4r	3.0	13.1
514	348	Lloyds	467	-20	26.9	5.8	7.1
42	22	Manson	34	..	2.1	6.2	13.0
813	398	Mercury Secs	813	+20	22.9	2.8	12.6
504	322	Midland	452	-12	36.4	7.9	7.6
270	173	Nat Aust Bk	235	+2	..	..	..
724	567	Nat West	689	-20	37.6	5.5	5.9
100	68½	Ottoman	£100	..	850	5.5	21.5
355	193	Provident	355	+1	15.7	4.4	16.0
80	56	Rea Bros	73	..	1.8	2.5	21.7
118	98	Rothschild (J) Hld	119	+2	6.5	5.6	13.9
21¼	13½	Royl Bnk Of Can	£13⅞	..	..	..	..
294	218	Royl Bnk Of Scot	290	-4	13.7	4.7	8.4
12½	728	Schroders	£11½	..	39.4	2.2	16.7
70	33	Smith St Aubyn	36	..	1.0	2.8	3.3

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APPOINTMENTS

Athena International: Mr **Paul Ross** has been appointed procurement and distribution director.

Imtec: Mr **Ian M Herman** has become group managing director and Mr **Allan Castle** financial director.

Sherwood Computel: Mr **Richard Guy** has been made managing director.

Willis Faber: Mr **Ray Salter** is to join the board. He will also become a director of Willis Faber and Dumas and deputy managing director of its North American reinsurance division.

Aitken Hume International: **Mr S A (Tony) Constance** has been made group chief executive.

Martin Retail Group: Mr **Brian Baylis** has been named managing director.

Grandfield Rork Gollins Financial: Mr **Simon Proctor** has been appointed ti a public relations executive.

A Cohen & Co (Great Britain): Mr **D G Barker-Goldie** and Mr **L Victor** have become directors.

Jardine Glanvill (UK): Mr **Michael Clarke** and Mr **Colin Symes** have been madedirectors of the northern division.

Jardine Insurance Brokers (UK): Mr **David Cowley** has been appointed managing director.

Brent Chemicals International: Mr **Dennis Wilby** has been appointed to the main board.

Dataquest: Mr **Malcolm Penn** has been made director of European operations.

The Union Discount Company of London: Mr **John Sclater** has become deputy chairman in succession to Lord Remnant, who is to remain on the board. Mr **Graeme Gilchrist**, group managing director, has in addition become a group executive deputy chairman.

Standard Chartered Bank: **Sir Frank Ereaut** has been appointed a director of the subsidiary, Standard Chartered Bank (C I).

B & R Taylor Group of Companies: Mr **Liam Ferguson** has been appointed group financial director. Mr **Clifford Afflick**, group technical director and a director of Taylor Hitec, becomes deputy managing director of two principal subsidiaries, B & R Taylor and Taylec.

Nursing homes seek money through BES

By Lawrence Lever

The old, sick and those who have retired are the latest targets of companies seeking finance under the Business Expansion Scheme, which allows individuals tax relief on investments of up to £40,000 a year in certain types of private company.

Projects seeking finance include private medical centres and nursing homes.

Pax Hill, sponsored by Baden-Powell Chilcott, is looking for £534,000 to establish private communities for care which, according to the prospectus, will "provide a comfortable, dignified and congenial environment where elderly, infirm, disabled or handicapped persons may live independent lives in the knowledge that the support services which they require are always available".

Aspiring investors should note that the founder directors have transferred their existing business into the BES company in return for the issue of shares at their 50p par value. Outside shareholders are being asked to pay 120p.

Moreover, Pax Hill is forecasting — not projecting — profits before tax of £80,000 in the year to September 30, 1986.

In the previous two financial years, the founding directors' existing business made losses of £65,291 and £2,654 respectively on its ordinary trading.

Pax Hill has freehold properties valued at £950,000 and indebtedness of about £383,000.

Bright Walton Homes, sponsored by Hill Samuel, is looking for a more ambitious £5 million to own and operate residential and nursing homes.

The company has signed an agreement with the USM-quoted Health Care Services under which Health Care will take a fee of £25,000 for administrative, accounting and secretarial services in the first year.

Guardian Care, advised by Douglas J Townley & Co, of Bolton, is seeking up to £2 million to expand its nursing home activities.

Takare is looking to raise up to £2.2 million to acquire and operate specialist medical centres. It is sponsored by Fiske & Co and UTC Securities Management.

Bid to liberalize power industry 'has failed'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Government attempts to liberalize the electricity supply industry by allowing private companies to set up power stations under the 1983 Energy Act have largely failed, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

The institute said the Energy Act was flawed and left the incumbent electricity supply industry with effective control of price and entry conditions.

"In practice this has led to the pricing conditions being set in a way which may discourage entry," it said.

"It should be acknowledged that an argument could be made for saying that the current pricing conditions are economically efficient.

"The creation of a market in electricity may, therefore, only be feasible if a more fundamental restructuring of the electricity supply industry is implemented. Certainly in the present situation restructuring is required if competition is to be increased without adding further to excess capacity."

Private power generation in Britain is limited to a few large chemical and paper-making companies and to schools and hotels where small generators have been installed.

No privately generated power is fed into the national grid.

COMPANY NEWS

LONDON SHOP PROPERTY TRUST: Acceptances have been received in respect of approximately 90 per cent of the new conversion stock offered by way of rights.

COURTNEY POPE HOLDINGS: An interim dividend of 3.5p (3p) payable on May 16 has been declared. Turnover for the half year to November 30 (figures in £000) was 22,836 (22,040) and net profit before tax 1,005 (800). Earnings per share were 12.72p (13.18p).

PERICOM: The chairman told the annual meeting that the company had purchased minority shareholding in Pericom Inc. The American partners will continue to run the company as a wholly-owned subidiary of Pericom.

NORTHERN AMERICAN TRUST: The company has repaid its $5 million three-month fixed loan and borrowed another $5 million for two months.

CITY SITE ESTATES: The company proposes to raise £1.328 million after expenses by way of a placing of one million ordinary shares at 135p per share to facilitate the acquisition of Newton House, a modern office building in Glasgow.

E W TARRY: A dividend of 35 cents (nil) for 1985 is being posted around June 6. With figures in rand 000, turnover rose to 68,115 (5,530), operating profit to 4,818 (680) and loss on foreign exchange to 287 (nil).

GREEN PROPERTY CO: A dividend of Ir1.5p is forecast for 1985. With figures in Ir£000, net rents rose to 1,770 (993) and pretax profit to 935 (loss 54).

UNITED GLASS HOLDINGS: With figures in £000, turnover for the year to November 30 rose to 193,76 (181,931) and trading profit to 15,071 (12,615).

STOCKLAKE HOLDINGS: An interim dividend of 3p (same), payable on April 4, has been declared. With figures in £000, turnover for the six months to September 30 was 11,680 (11,827), group profit before tax 1,871 (1,556) and tax 919 (845). Earnings per share rose to 22.6p (16.9p).

WILLIAM JACKSON AND SON: Results for the 26 weeks to October 26 (figures in £00) show turnover at 81,047 (74,409) and pretax profit at 772 (880). Earnings per share were down to 17.43p (31.53p).

European Law Report — Luxembourg

UK oil policy not against EEC law

Bulk Oil (Zug) AG v Sun International Ltd and Sun Oil Trading Company
Case 174/84
Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges K. Bahlmann, G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, O. Due, Y. Galmot and C. Kakouris
Advocate General Sir Gordon Slynn
[Judgment given February 18]

The United Kingdom policy whose effect was to prevent exports of crude oil of United Kingdom origin to Israel was not contrary to the agreement between the EEC and Israel or to any other provision of Community law.

Since January 1979 it was UK policy to authorize the exportation of oil of UK origin only to member states of the EEC, member states of the International Energy Agency and countries with which there was, before 1979, an "existing pattern of trade" (specifically, Finland).

That policy had never been incorporated in legislation or in any legal instrument whatsoever but had been made public on several occasions by government statements.

Since 1979 oil companies, in particular British Petroleum, had inserted a destination clause in their standard contracts prohibiting buyers from exporting oil to a destination other than one of the states mentioned above.

By a contract concluded in April 1981 the defendant agreed to sell to the plaintiff substantial quantities of British North Sea crude oil. The contract contained a clause in the following terms: "destination: destination free but always in line with exporting country's government policy".

After the defendant had become aware that the intended destination of the oil was Israel, BP, the supplier of the oil, refused to load it on to the ship nominated by Bulk, on the ground that delivery to Israel was contrary to UK policy.

Bulk made a claim against Sun, arguing that it was entitled under the contract to oblige Sun to have the oil loaded for delivery to Israel, asserting that, in any event, Sun could not rely on UK policy.

The dispute was referred to arbitration, on the issue whether the UK policy was in conformity with the EEC Treaty and the agreement between the EEC and Israel.

In his award the arbitrator held that the EEC-Israel Agreement did not cover quantitative restrictions on exports and that the exportation of crude oil was not within the ambit of the Treaty or of that agreement. He therefore held that Bulk was in breach of contract, and, in his final award, he assessed the damages due from Bulk to Sun at more than US $12 million.

Bulk appealed against that award and the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division referred a number of questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

It had first to be pointed out that the implementation of a policy whose specific object was to impose quantitative restrictions on exports to non-member countries was to be regarded as a measure having an effect equivalent to such restrictions.

Such a policy or practice did not escape the prohibitions laid down by Community law simply because it was not incorporated in decisions binding on undertakings.

Even measures adopted by the government of a member state which did not have binding effect might be capable of influencing the conduct of undertakings in that state and thus of frustrating the aims of the Community.

Article 3 of the agreement expressly prohibited any new quantitative restriction on imports or measures having equivalent effect. With regard to exports, on the other hand, article 4 simply prohibited the introduction of new customs duties or charges having equivalent effect.

Neither that article nor any other provision of the EEC-Israel Agreement expressly prohibited quantitative restrictions on exports or measures having equivalent effect on trade between the Community and Israel.

As Sun, the UK and the Commission correctly contended, it had to be concluded that the agreement laid no obligation on the Community or on the member states with regard to the introduction or abolition of quantitative restrictions on exports or measures having equivalent effect.

By the second part of its first question the national court asked in essence whether Regulation No 2603/69 of the Council of December 20, 1969 establishing common rules for exports had to be interpreted as permitting the implementation of a policy such as that in issue with regard to oil exports.

It had to be recalled that, according to article 113 (1) of the Treaty the common commercial policy was to be based on uniform principles, particularly with regard to changes in tariff rates, the conclusion of tariff and trade agreements, the achievement of uniformity in measures of liberalization, export policy and measures to protect trade.

Since full responsibility in the matter of commercial policy had been trasnferred to the Community by article 113(1) measures of commercial policy of a national character were only permissible after the end of the transitional period by virtue of specific authorization by the Community.

Article 1 of Regulation No 2603/69 laid down the general rule that exports from the Community to non-member countries were free, that is to say, not subject to quantitative restrictions, with the exception of those applied in accordance with the provisions of that regulation.

Article 10 of the regulation limited the scope of that principle on a transitional basis with regard to certain products, until such time as the Council should have established common rules applicable to them; it provided that the principle of freedom of export from the Community did not apply to the products listed in the annex which included oil.

It had therefore to be held that article 10 of Regulation No 2603/69 and the annex to that regulation constituted a specific authorization permitting the member states to impose quantitative restrictions on exports of oil to non-member countries, and there was no need to distinguish in that regard between previously existing quantitative restrictions and those which had subsequently been introduced.

Further questions asked by the national court were to be understood essentially as requesting the Court's assistance on the following two points of law:

(1) Was the UK prohibited from adopting a policy such as that in question by any other provisions of the Treaty?

(2) Was it necessary for such a policy to be notified to or approved by the Community institutions before its implementation, and if so, what were the consequences?

It had to be pointed out that article 34 of the Treaty concerned national measures which had as their specific object or effect the restriction of patterns of exports and thereby the establishment of a difference in treatment between the domestic trade of a member state and its export trade in such a way as to provide a particular advantage for national production or for the domestic market of the state in question at the expense of the production or of the trade of other member states.

That was not true of a policy such as that in question. Such a policy which applied only to exports to certain non-member countries, did not specifically affect exports to other member states and was not intended to provide a particular advantage for national production or for the domestic market of the member state in question.

A measure such as that in question which was specifically directed at exports of oil to a non-member country was not in itself likely to restrict or distort competition within the Common Market. It could not therefore affect trade within the Community and infringe articles 3(f), 5 and 85 of the Treaty.

With regard to the existence of an obligation to provide information, to give prior notice to or to seek the prior approval of the Community authorities and to consult with them before adopting any measure amending rules governing exports to non-member countries, it followed from the combined provisions of various Council decisions that, even after the end of the transitional period and the adoption of Regulation No 2603/69, member states were obliged to inform the other member states and the Commission before making any changes in their rules on exports to non-member countries.

A member state which failed to give prior notice, delayed in doing so or did so in an inadequate manner failed to fulfil its obligations under the combined provisions of the Council decisions of October 9, 1961, September 25, 1962 and September 16, 1969.

It had to be pointed out, however, that that obligation, to which all member states were subject under the provisions referred to, concerned only the institutional relationship between a member state and the Community and the other member states.

In proceedings before national courts natural or legal persons could not attack a policy or measure adopted by a member state on the basis that the member state had failed to fulfil its obligation to inform the other member states and the Commission beforehand. Such a failure therefore did not create individual rights which national courts had to protect.

On those grounds the European Court of Justice ruled:

1 The agreement of May 20, 1975 between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel did not prohibit the imposition of new quantitative restrictions or measure having equivalent effect on exports from a member state to Israel.

2 Regulation No 2603/69 of the Council of December 20, 1969 establishing common rules for exports did not prohibit a member state from imposing new quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect on its exports of oil to non-member countries.

3 Articles 34 and 85 of the Treaty, upon their proper construction, did not prevent a member state from adopting a policy restricting or prohibiting exports of oil to a non-member country, on the basis of article 10 of Regulation No 2603/69.

4 Article 4 of the Council decision of October 9, 1961, in conjunction with the Council decision of September 25, 1962 and article 15 of the Council decision of September 16, 1969, required a member state contemplating a change in the state of liberalization of its exports to non-member countries to give prior notice to the other member states and the Commission.

A member state which failed to give prior notice, delayed in doing so or did so in an inadequate manner failed to fulfil its obligations under the Council decisions referred to; that failure did not, however, create individual rights which national courts had to protect.

5 The fact that no Community insitution challenged the legality of a policy adopted by a member state could not in itself have any effect on the compatibility with Community law of a policy imposing quantitative restrictions on exports of oil to non-member countries or, consequently, on the reply to be given to the questions raised by the national court.

Law Report February 25 1986

Clerk has duty to note oral evidence

Gray v Gray

It was the duty of the clerk to the justices to record the oral evidence given in domestic proceedings, Mrs Justice Heilbron stated in the Family Division on February 18, when allowing an appeal from Cheshunt Justices who had refused to vary children's orders on the application of the former husband.

HER LADYSHIP said that the failure to record any of the oral evidence given during a four-hour hearing had meant that both sides were at a disadvantage on the appeal.

The court had no option but to allow the appeal and remit the matter to a fresh panel of justices for a rehearing.

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THIS has been a successful year for Vickers. Turnover on continuing businesses rose from £503.6m to £602.3m and profit before taxation by 46 per cent from £30.8m to £45.1m. Taxation increased from £4.4m to £11.4m due to more subsidiary companies' profits becoming taxable. The resulting profit after tax of £33.7m is an increase of 28 per cent.

All key businesses improved profitability with the exception of Marine Engineering, where substantial costs on development and pre-production of new products were written off during the year.

An important feature of 1985 was the acquisition of new businesses to add to the strength of those within the Company. These acquisitions were facilitated by the success of the Company's divestment programme in which the major part of the property portfolio was sold and BAJ Vickers, Vickers Dawson and our interest in Comsteel Vickers were divested.

Acquisitions made during the year included Comforto, the leading European manufacturer of office seating and Teca, the US distributor of Vickers electromyography equipment. Both bring significant benefits to the Divisions of which they now form part.

Particular emphasis in 1985 was given to investment, innovation and new product development. The programme included some £17 million spent on R&D. Such investment is essential to maintain product superiority and ensure profitable growth in world markets.

In view of the continuing improvement in results the Board is recommending a final dividend of 8p per £1 Ordinary Stock, making a total of 13p for the year, all net of tax credit compared to a total of 10p for 1984.

MOTOR CARS

Sales	£175.8m (£149.2m)
Profit before interest	£17.2m (£14.1m)

1985 was a year of strong demand for Rolls-Royce Motors, boosted by the successful launch of the new Bentley Turbo R model with sales and profits surpassing 1984 levels. The USA is still the largest market, and UK sales continue to improve.



The Rolls-Royce motor car - pride of Britain, envy of the world.

A close balance was maintained between production and sales. Expenditure on existing and new product development was increased. Productivity gains were achieved at both Crewe and Mulliner Park Ward.

LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATES AND SUPPLIES

Sales	£118.2m (£103.8m)
Profit before interest	£11.5m (£10.2m)

Howson-Algraphy had a good year with further growth in market share and increased sales in virtually all markets. Despite competitive pressures, margins were maintained.

In the UK, Howson-Algraphy is strongly placed to take advantage of technological changes now taking place in the newspaper printing industry. Significantly improved performances were reported by both the US and Canadian subsidiaries. Sales and profitability improved in Europe.

Continued emphasis on R&D will ensure that a technological lead is maintained.



In addition to lithographic printing plates, Howson-Algraphy manufactures a range of processing equipment.

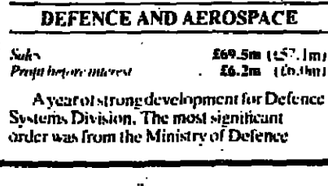
BUSINESS EQUIPMENT

Sales	£84.7m (£61.8m)
Profit before interest	£6.2m (£2.7m)

The acquisition of the internationally successful Comforto Group, with factories in West Germany, Switzerland and the USA ensures a major presence in Europe and provides access to the US market.

Comforto traded well in the post acquisition period and ended 1985 with a strong order book.

Vickers Furniture had another very successful year with continued profit growth. The new System E 90 screen-based furniture won major orders. C.A. Parsons of Ireland was acquired to provide a base in the Republic of Ireland. Extra UK manufacturing capacity is planned to maintain market leadership. Vickers Roneo France is pursuing an investment programme to improve cost competitiveness.



Comforto office seating represents the epitome of quality and comfort

MARINE ENGINEERING

Sales	£70.6m (£63.2m)
Profit before interest	£4.5m (£6.0m)

A record sales year, although profits were depressed by high product development costs. Brown Brothers delivered its first crown mounted compensator. John Hastie gained its first orders for the new orbital crane product.

Michell Bearings made strong progress and contributed to profits. Stone Vickers Ltd supplied the first production units of its retractable azimuthing thrusters to Mitsui for the world's largest heavy lift crane barge.

Vickers Japan opened new manufacturing facilities. Jered Brown Brothers made a major trading contribution with sales to the US Navy. The US Navy also commissioned from SOFEC Inc the first rapidly deployable single point mooring system.

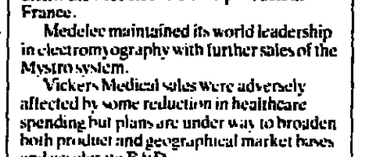


Stone Vickers is a world leader in the design and production of controllable pitch propellers

DEFENCE AND AEROSPACE

Sales	£69.5m (£57.1m)
Profit before interest	£6.2m (£6.0m)

A year of strong development for Defence Systems Division. The most significant order was from the Ministry of Defence for the design, development and production of Challenger tank armoured repair and recovery vehicles. In addition to manufacturing turrets for the Warrior tracked infantry combat vehicle, the Division is also converting a number of Chieftain tanks to armoured bridge layers.



The Vickers Mk 7 tank incorporating components from Krauss Maffei of West Germany.

International collaboration activity was extended in 1985 to include projects with West Germany, Brazil, USA and China. The Vickers Valkyr underwent successful user trials.

Precision Components Division, makers of gas turbine components, again expanded sales volume and exports. Machining and fabrication sales reached record levels but foundry results were depressed.

MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT

Sales	£34.4m (£26.7m)
Profit before interest	£4.0m (£3.2m)

1985 was a year of expansion with three acquisitions. The most significant, Teca Corporation, manufactures neurodiagnostic equipment and also distributes Medelec products in the USA.

Vickers Instruments (Canada), manufacturer of electron microscopes, provides a logical extension to Vickers optical micromeasurement technology. The third acquisition, Études et Constructions Electromécaniques et Médicales, SA will distribute Medelec and Teca products in France.

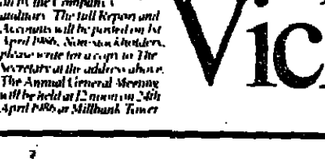
Medelec maintained its world leadership in electromyography with further sales of the Mystro system.

Vickers Medical sales were adversely affected by some reduction in healthcare spending but plans are under way to broaden both product and geographical market bases and accelerate R&D.

Vickers Instruments continued to develop Quaestor, an automated micromeasurement system for the semiconductor industry.

Sales to the fibre optic and magnetic head industries are buoyant and a new automated head-gap measurement system has been introduced.

Joyce-Loebl enjoyed a successful year for image analysis systems. Sales were buoyant in world markets, including China.



'Quaestor' provides automated measurement and inspection of the silicon wafers on which microchips are printed.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sales	£49.1m (£31.8m)
Profit before interest	£2.5m (£0.5m loss)

PRINTING & PACKAGING MACHINERY

Crabtree Vickers Leeds consolidated its 1984 recovery with increased profits.

Development of the Civilox newspaper inking system has established a major growth area. Crabtree Vickers Gateshead again improved output and profits but orders were below expectations.

DESIGN AND PROJECTS

The Division had a difficult year but traded profitably and maintained a healthy order book at the year end. New projects included orders from Japan and Hong Kong, and the final stages of existing key contracts were reached. Prospects in the USA for aircraft component test equipment are encouraging.

MACHINE TOOLS

Kearney & Trecker Marwin returned to profitability with a major upturn in orders following the introduction of new technology, which helped secure significant new business. Partnerships with Siemens and Mitsubishi have greatly strengthened global marketing capability and orders have been won from Jaguar, Case International and Citroen.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATE

Comsteel Vickers returned to profitability in the second half of 1985. At the turn of the year the Vickers' 38 per cent shareholding was sold, a move which reflects Vickers corporate strategy of concentrating resources on key business areas.

RESULTS IN BRIEF	1985 £m	1984 £m
Sales	611.2	528.8
Profit before taxation	45.1	30.8
Profit after taxation	33.7	26.4
Stockholders' profit	42.2	16.4
Dividends	12.4	9.6
Profit retained	29.8	6.8
Earnings per £1 of Ordinary Stock	36.3p	28.6p

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Vickers

Edited by Matthew May

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Uncertain welcome for Amstrad launch

■ Amstrad is expected to launch a more powerful version of its £450 word processor soon in an attempt to boost appeal to offices. But mainstream business microcomputer dealers are unlikely to welcome an era of cheaper machines, according to a survey by the consultancy Context. Seventy three per cent of 370 dealers polled said they had no interest in selling "a product like Amstrad's PCW 8256".

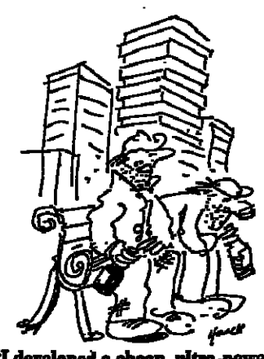
The slump in computer sales has caused problems for computer dealers and many obviously fear that low-price computers will only make their situation worse. Only 9 per cent of those questioned said they would be interested in selling such products. With a clear demand for computers like the Amstrad it is high street stores which welcome the new machines that will benefit.

■ A computer game developed at the University of Bradford is being used to treat young children with defective vision. It uses an alternating black and white and checkerboard to help exercise eyes where, for example, a child has one eye which sees clearly and one which does not producing a blurred image at the back of the eye. The brain may ignore the image from the defective eye so it will not develop. This condition, called amblyopia, can be treated, say the researchers at Bradford, by covering the good eye with an eyepatch and providing a game where random letters have to be remembered and then entered into a keyboard.

As a reward for getting them right the child is allowed to play a short computer game. With the help of pupils at Holmfirth High School the program has now been converted for use on BBC micros.

■ Optical laser discs are being used by the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau (CAB) to store information ranging from foot and mouth disease to rice crop breeding programmes. Each disc can hold the equivalent of 200,000 pages of A4 type or two volumes of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Prices for the equipment, using a Digital Equipment computer, start at £20,000. "I believe that systems such as this are a major benefit that Western technology can offer the Third World," said Fred Jones of CAB.

■ Fierce competition from low-priced



"I developed a cheap, ultra-powerful, high density logic chip, no bigger than a pin head — and they lost it"

imitation products has forced a prominent distributor of Apple computers in Singapore to stop sales. Sime Darby Systems (SDS), sole distributor of the American-made Apple computers in Singapore as well as the region, said the decision to stop sales followed insurmountable problems in establishing Apple machines in the face of low-priced pirate counterfeits and compatibles. While a basic Apple II starter system is quoted at about $2,000 (£650), a look-alike could be easily found at about $800.

■ The Comdex international software show and conference, previously held in Amsterdam, will be transferred to Nice from this year and will take place from June 10 to 12. Several hundred exhibitors will come from Europe, North America, Japan and Taiwan, says the organizer, Interface Group, which also runs similar events in the United States, Japan and Australia.

■ Jaguar Cars is using interactive video discs to familiarize its employees with robotics. The discs provide short visual sequences illustrating the principles of robotics, interspersed with questions to test the student's comprehension. Produced by the National Computing Centre in conjunction with Jaguar, it has been sponsored by the Manpower Services Commission and the Department of Trade and Industry. The new course will soon be available to other organizations with a training requirement in industrial robotics.

■ The computer industry now has its own version of *Who's Who*. Though the two paperback volumes are somewhat less grand than the august original, the publisher, Input Typesetting, says its 8,000 entries cover a group of people responsible for more than £400 million worth of computer equipment. *Who's Who in Computing* costs £65 — further information from 01-543 7011.

■ Apollo Computers is promising to bridge the gap between personal computers and the expensive workstations with advanced graphics used for engineering and scientific applications. Its new Series 3000 unit, which starts at £9,300 for a black and white version and £14,000 for colour is, says Rex Blagg of Apollo, "the first personal workstation for technical professionals".

UK events

Cadpro 86, Novotel, Hammersmith, London W6, today until Thursday (01-690 3618)
Dexpo Europe 86, Olympia 2, London, March 4-6 (01-403 1473)
Atari Computer Show, Novotel, Hammersmith, London W6, March 7-9 (061-456 8835)
Amstrad Computer Show, New Century Hall, Manchester, March 22-23 (061-456 8835)
Info 86, Olympia, London, March 24-27 (01-647 1001)
Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing Exhibition, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, April 8-10
Scottish Computer Show, Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow, April 15-17 (01-891 5051)
Computing Recruitment Fair, Novotel, Hammersmith, London W6, April 18-19 (0853 858811)
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Overseas

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Sandpiper reveals consumer habits

By Matthew May

A computerized simulator that will predict how consumers will react to companies' marketing plans is the claim of a new service from Sandpiper Services. Described as a database of consumer attitudes and intentions, it will answer questions such as what consumers would do if they saw a particular pack design on a supermarket shelf, how they might respond to a new advertising campaign, or the effect on a company's sales of a competitor launching a similar product.

The service will be split into different product groups with the first, aimed at car manufacturers, already having gained nearly £900,000 worth of business, says Sandpiper, since its launch at the beginning of this year. Austin Rover, Ford, General Motors and Nissan have subscribed to the system which is likely to cost customers a minimum of £10,000.

A second system dealing with personal finance and aimed at banks, building societies and insurance companies has just been launched with Anglia as the first subscriber.

The service was developed from a simulator called Scribe which produced a model of consumers' attitudes for individual companies. The database used is compiled by interviewing consumers. In the case of the car system 5,000 were questioned and the survey covers both rational and irrational aspects of consumers' behaviour.

Sandpiper says that only 50 per cent of sales variations are due to rational or factual reasons. So it includes questions such as: If a man from General Motors walked through your front door what would you expect him to look like?

One of the advantages cited for using computer-based simulation packages is their ability to construct "hypothetical alternative future scenarios". But the company would not be drawn on what its system has to say about consumer attitudes to a hypothetical takeover of parts of British Leyland by a foreign competitor.



Homework: Ann Edwards, a maternity networker, at home with her workstation in Harefield, Middlesex; taken from the book Networking in Organizations

Now for armchair memos

By Richard Sarson

JOB SCENE

Management theorists, such as Alvin Toffler, Norman Macrae and Charles Handy, have been preaching for some time that the micro will change the nature of work. We will all work from home sending memos to our offices by electronic mail.

The office blocks of the city centres will be deserted as workers telecommute out in the suburbs. The large corporations will split into networks of co-operating homeworkers.

The practice behind the theory is described in a book published last month, *Networking in Organizations*. It is about a continuing experiment started in 1981 by Rank Xerox to let executives set up in business on their own as networkers and then sell their services to the company. The networkers spend about half a day each week at Rank Xerox and keep in touch electronically.

The company did this partly to reduce overheads. An employee costing £10,000 needs £17,000 in office space and other oncosts that could be avoided if the executive was independent and worked from home.

The company also found that professional staff were saying to them: "Tell me what you want, when you want it, the standards by which you will judge the work and the value of it — but don't tell me how to do my job." They would be happier and more effective outside the bureaucracy.

There are now 54 networkers, six of whom are women. They come from the marketing, finance, personnel and management services teams. John Drew, one of the authors of the book, was director of corporate affairs before he became a networker. He is now also a part-time director of Touche Ross.

Networkers describe their financial, legal, technological and personal problems since going out on their own. The wives, husbands and children have their say. It has been a strain for some networkers, particularly in working out new relationships with old colleagues.

The company had feared that some networkers would fail and that they would feel isolated. Neither has so far happened.

The main problem was unforeseen. Nobody had thought it necessary to train the team which negotiated the networkers' contracts and administered their progress. The team were confused by their new role. They became resentful of the media interest in the networkers. The networkers ran rings round them in fixing prices and became more adept at writing the computer network.

The networkers themselves believe they work harder now than they did under the corporate umbrella. And, because they are paid for the fruits of their labour, not just for putting in so many hours, their work has more sharpness and quality.

● *Networking in Organizations — the Rank Xerox Experiment, is published by Gower Publishing. £19.50.*

The bad news for hackers

By Matthew May

For those companies concerned about the possibility of unauthorized access to their computer systems, which can range from teenage hackers to sophisticated financial fraud, there is now a monthly newsletter that specializes in the field.

Information Security Monitor describes its field as high technology fraud and piracy issues and is collecting details on computer fraud in the City.

The current issue includes a case history by a reformed amateur hacker, now a professional computer consultant, who started his career having discovered that logging on to one system as Field and using the password Service would give access to the passwords of every user.

Many computer systems still have a few users with simple or obvious passwords, such as 1234, that are a boon to those up to no good.

A more complex example is the so-called dumb trap where the hacker writes a program that simulates the log on sequence of a company mainframe.

When a legitimate user enters a logon code and password the information is placed in a file for later inspection by the hacker.

So far the publication, which costs £155 a year, has about 100 subscribers, including banks and building societies.

And proving that truth is often stranger than fiction, the co-director of the publishers, Broadway Publications, is one Richard Hacker.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

Electronic shopping for bank customers

By Frank Brown

The electronic cash society could become a reality for bank account holders in the 1990s as a result of an experiment in electronic shopping which Midland Bank has started in Milton Keynes.

Speedline enables shoppers to pay for up to £200 worth of goods and services a week from various shops, stores and petrol stations in the Milton Keynes area, without using cash or cheques. They will also be able to draw cash from their bank accounts at the same time, providing the retailer has opted to offer such service.

Instead of cheques, shoppers will use their Midland, Clydesdale or Northern Bank autocheque or autobank card, or their NatWest service card, and a process known as electronic funds transfer at the point of sale, Eftpos for short.

Speedline will also accept certain credit cards, including Access and Midland Group Gold Mastercards.

To pay for a purchase the customer gives his card to the checkout assistant who slides it through a card reader and enters the amount into the point of sale terminal. The customer then enters his personal identification number (pin) on a keypad.

Access card holders who do not have a pin can authorize the transaction by signing a special voucher produced by the terminal.

The terminal is linked directly to the bank's computer centre in London where the system uses the information to verify the transaction electronically. If the customer's bank or credit card account has sufficient funds, the system transfers the cost of the goods from his account to the retailer's bank account. It then notifies the terminal which produces a receipt showing the payment and how much of the weekly limit has been spent.

The whole process takes less than 30 seconds without the need for a shop assistant to complete any paperwork.

Some 30 Speedline terminals are due to be installed during the next few months in a variety of retail outlets in Milton Keynes and Northampton. The first, at the BP service station in Childs Way, Milton Keynes, is already in operation.

Speedline is the first experiment undertaken by the major UK clearing banks as a prelude to developing a national Eftpos network.

The experiment is co-sponsored by the Committee of London and Scottish clearing banks and is expected to run for at least two years. The results will add to the experience already gained by Counterplus, Britain's first Eftpos system, which has been successfully operated in Scotland by Clydesdale Bank (a subsidiary of the Midland) with BP since 1982.

Nixdorf Computer, the West German company that is supplying the POS equipment for Speedline, has already installed retail Eftpos systems in Spain, Norway, Italy and Germany.

Singapore has had a larger, comparable system in operation for the past month — Nets (Network for Electronic Transfers).

A big lift for portables

From Geof Wheelwright, in Venice

The portable computer industry was given a major boost last week with the announcement of two new offerings from Compaq and Olivetti. The launch of the two machines last week highlighted dramatically the differences in portable computer philosophy which cut right across the industry.

While everyone realizes that the first generation of large, luggable PCs needs to be reduced, there are deep divisions within the industry about whether that can be accomplished by a laptop computer.

The first to be launched was Compaq's Portable II computer — a luggable micro which is 30 per cent smaller than the company's existing best seller and almost 20 per cent lighter. It is designed to be compatible with the IBM AT computer and will sell in three different models, starting at £2,700.

Compaq claims that the Portable II will operate up to five times faster than the IBM PC and four times faster than its own existing portable computer. But the new machine will not run on batteries and is still too large to be considered a laptop computer.

As IBM is expected to announce a laptop soon, and Compaq's success has been built on emulating and then improving on IBM's most successful computer, many industry watchers were expecting Compaq to launch a smaller, but slightly less powerful, battery-operated machine with a flat display. Compaq claims battery laptops cannot offer enough power to work as proper business computers.

But within 24 hours of Compaq's launch Olivetti challenged the former's claim by announcing its M-22 battery operated laptop which, it says, is IBM-compatible.

It uses a backlit liquid crystal display screen, includes a built-in 5.25in computer disc drive and up to 1 megabyte of memory.

Like many other portable computers released in recent months the computer can only have one built-in disc drive if it is to achieve the eight-hour maximum battery life offered.

More interesting, however, is a hard disc option which replaces the battery pack with a 10 megabyte information storage device.

While the new Compaq machine is available from this week, the new Olivetti M22 will not be shipped until just after June. But Olivetti does promise that the starting price range for its machine will be about £1,700.

Compaq's shrinking and upgrading of its existing portable PC design is a much safer option.

Running up a hi-tech bill

By Ruth Harris



'The real problem was that I had no one to ask for advice'

It was my children who dragged me into the computer age; they had an ulterior motive. The limitations of the family BBC B microcomputer were beginning to irk. They needed a disc drive to improve it and decided mother was a softer bet than dad.

And I was easily persuaded, looking back. Anything was preferable to bashing out yet another draft of my novel on my ancient non-electric typewriter. And a program called Nordwise, the children assured me, had been invented for simple brains like mine. All I had to do was buy the things they had listed — printer, monitor, disc drive, discs — and then, hey presto! the finished manuscript would emerge in a matter of days.

The total cost was mind-boggling to a writer who does not aspire to Jeffrey Archer's sales, but they said there would be nothing extra — "and think how much you'll save on Tippex!"

It wasn't true, of course. Expense piled on expense. Within the first week I discovered I was unable to underline without a printer driver. To spend hundreds of pounds on a printing system and then discover that I had to pay more just to be able to underline struck me as something akin to fraud.

Weeks later, when I came to print out the final draft, I discovered that the paper crept sideways across the roller with the result that the text, centred at the beginning of the chapter, was walking off the righthand side of the paper by the chapter end. This furtive movement could be stopped, I was told, by fixing a paper support to the printer.

Cost? Believe it or not, and I couldn't at first, £100. Other printers had cheaper supports but I happened to be stuck with this one.

Apart from these two items which I felt should have been included at the start, was I being sold a complete word-processing system or was I not? The running expenses were horrific — printer ribbons, vast quantities of discs, make a back-up of every one, I was told, and as for paper, I must have got through an entire Finnish forest in my struggles with the printer.

But I was happily ignorant of all this at the outset or I might not have despatched my husband quite so cheerfully to a computer stockist near his office.

Mistake number one. As I was the main user we should have chosen somewhere within *my* reach rather than his. Mistake number two was sending my husband at all. He's the salesman's dream. This particular salesman persuaded him that I didn't want the W program, I wanted one called V and so that's what he came back with.

I'm still not sure whether I would have been better off with W. I do know that it took me several weeks to master V, at a time when I was desperate to get to work on the final draft. The real problem was that I had no one to ask and the instruction book that came with V was inadequate.

There were, in fact, two instruction books, both saying more or less the same thing although one gave diagrams of the keyboard showing where the keys were — gratuitous information. I couldn't help thinking. Both books assumed, wrongly, in my case, that the user (a) understood computers and (b) was not a typist. A lot of the problems I had stemmed from those assumptions.

An example: my own typewriter has no figure 1. I automatically type the lower case L for 1 and did so when I wanted the printer to use double spacing which requires the instruction LS1. Of course the computer ignored my instruction and despite frantic repeat commands on my part continued to print out in single spacing. There was no way I could find out why until my 13-year-old returned from school at the end of the day. One look at the monitor screen and "Oh Mum!"

Ridiculous, you will say and it was, and maddening, too. There were numerous examples of that sort of thing which raised my blood pressure several notches. If I telephoned the shop to ask advice I was told, "it can't do that ... you've made a mistake, it doesn't do that" and there was no point in my saying, "But it does."

Now I find that the manual is not technical enough. My son has been able to produce all sorts of refinements to make my life easier but not every writer has a computer-friendly son to call on.

I had further problems when I came to print the final manuscript, this time with copies. If you use a word processor you are not expected to want carbon copies. Now I do want a copy, of almost everything I do. "But everyone has a photocopier," I was told. Everyone? I haven't the room, let alone the money.

My printer will take carbons but is temperamental about them. Sometimes it will print them happily but more often than not the top copy stays put while carbon and flimsy go through.

One of my reasons for buying a word-processor was saving time as well as money and I do resent having to sit at the printer while it types out something twice over, much slower than I would do it, though admittedly a lot more accurately.

All the same, I wouldn't be without the word-processor now. For a writer who rewrites and edits as much as I do it has been a boon. But I do feel that my introduction could have been easier, and I could still do with advice that I don't know how to find.

Security date gets nearer

Pressure is being exerted on the private and public sectors to ensure that proper levels of security are incorporated into databases housing sensitive information.

The Data Protection Registrar has revealed that only 10,000 computer users have registered. The registrar is hoping that there will be an avalanche of registrations before the deadline expires on May 11.

However it is becoming increasing obvious that a substantial number of the operators or owners of the 300,000 computer databases in the UK are unaware that they must register or face criminal penalties.

A conference at Oxford last week attempted to highlight the legal and moral aspects of the legislation as it affects doctors. In some ways they are typical of the non-computer conscious users who are still trying to come to terms with the implications of the new legislation.

Data protection in medicine has been one of the most sensitive subjects debated since the legislation was ever proposed. Delegates to the conference learned — many for the first time — about the law and the implications which registration will have on research, primary care, general practice, nursing and clinical medicine.

The Oxford delegates also learned that there still are many areas of the Data Protection Act which have yet to be made clear to doctors. That was emphasized last week too by the chairman of the National Consumer Council, Michael Montague.

The council, in a letter to the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS), called on the Government not to seek an exception for medical records.

The 1984 legislation allows consumers to have the right after November next year to see personal files stored on computer.

The Government is consulting medical and consumer organizations about the restrictions which might be imposed on access to medical records.

Mr Montague said: "Everyone should have the right to know what's in their medical records. The vital principle of open access to personal files is already enshrined in law. We are urging the department not to make an exception for health records. Handwritten case notes not covered by the Act should be subject to the same principle.

"There should be only one exception to the general rule of free access, and that is where there is a danger of causing further harm to a mentally ill person."

The medical debate is clearly being emulated in other areas. The Data Protection Registrar published its first list of registrations last week. The list is now only available at the registrar's offices in Cheshire. The intention is to publish the list in main public libraries.

Last week the software company Logica was awarded a contract to evaluate security procedures and systems of government computers holding sensitive information.

A separate contract has been given to Admiral Computing. Both have been awarded by the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) which is responsible for advising government departments on levels of security.

The Americans have been particularly active through the US National Security Agency in improving the computer security of US government departments. The American authorities have recently been concerned about the level of security in British government agencies.

That feeling clearly applies to computers and the UK is striving to ensure that it matches American standards.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Boost for quality in pictures

Two major Japanese electronics firms have claimed to be the world's first in developing fast, large-capacity semiconductor chips for a variety of applications to computers and television or video equipment.

Toshiba said it has developed a prototype of the world's first one-megabit static random access memory (sram) chip for use in computers and office automation equipment.

The company said the new chip has a capacity four times larger than any sram developed and can store 130,000 alpha-numeric characters or up to four pages of a standard-sized newspaper.

New chip has huge capacity

The new chip, which uses a transistor and a capacitor, is designed primarily for use in portable computers, personal computers and other office automation equipment.

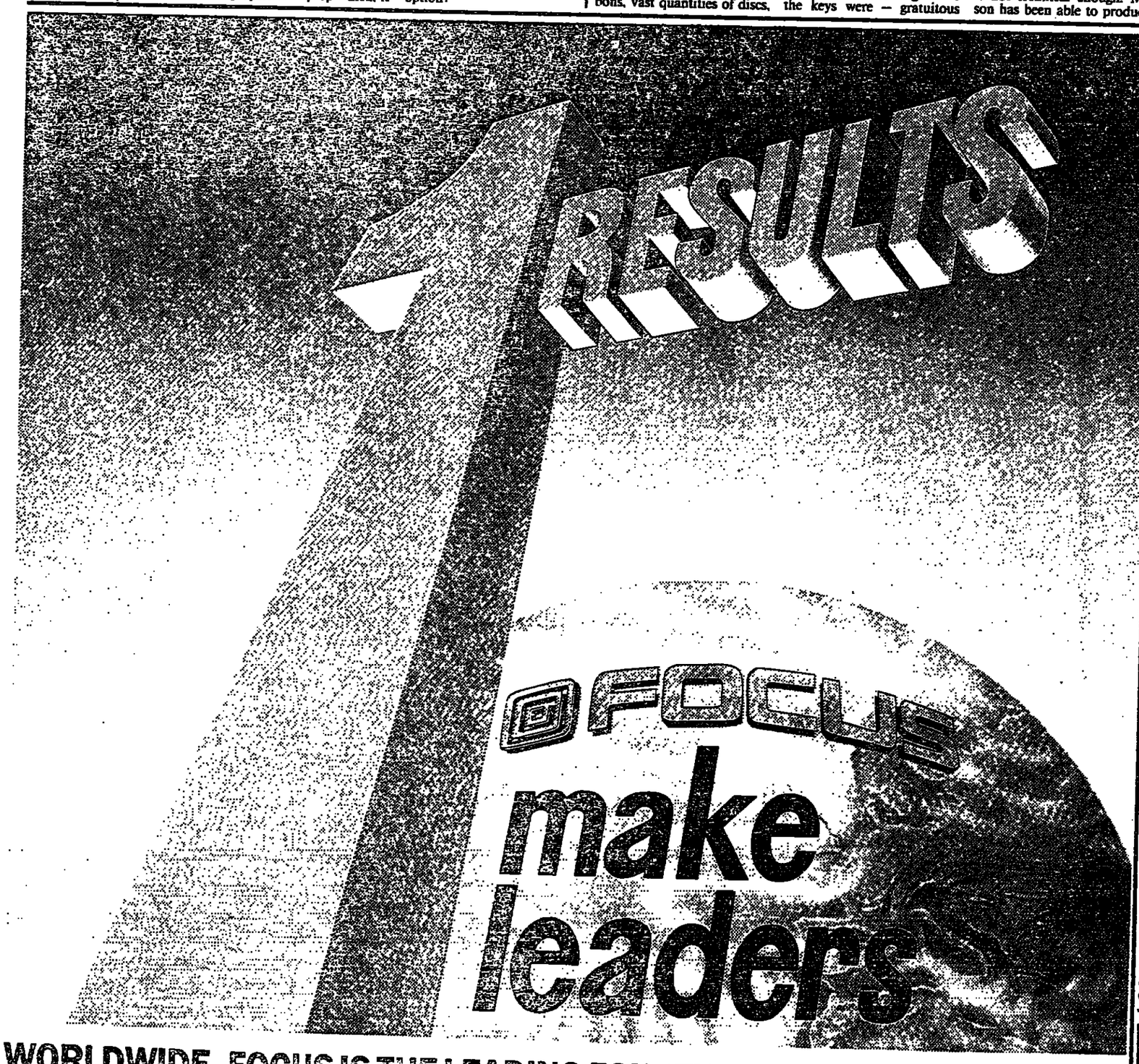
Company officials said it will eventually replace the 64k and 256k srams now in use.

Samples will be available in about one year and products will be ready for shipment a year later, they said.

Matsushita Electric said its subsidiary has developed the world's first one-megabit dynamic ram chip specially for use in digital video equipment such as digital TVs and video tape-recorders and computer graphic systems.

The chip was developed by Matsushita Electronics, a subsidiary of the giant Osaka-based manufacturer of Panasonic and National products. One pair of the new chips can do tasks that need 32 64k chips, the company said.

The newly developed chip will bring about significant increases in picture quality and functions of digital video equipment, it said.



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CRICKET: A BATTLE LITTERED WITH BAD MEMORIES ENDS IN DEFEAT IN FIRST TEST

Out-gunned in the bouncer war

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Kingston, Jamaica

After losing the first Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, by 10 wickets inside three days, England's touring cricketers are hoping to leave for Trinidad tomorrow, a day earlier than originally scheduled. The idea of this is not so much to forestall anything the demonstrators may have in mind as to avoid arriving just before midnight on Thursday, less than 12 hours before the start of Friday's match against Trinidad.

They spent yesterday on Jamaica's north coast, not counting their dead, mercifully, but certainly their wounded. If Trinidad should prove impracticable and the two Tests due to be played there have to be switched elsewhere, England would be perfectly within their rights to decline to play again at Sabina Park. The pitch there, with its lamentably uneven bounce, lends itself too easily to bouncer warfare and all its unpleasant consequences.

It is a pity the Test match was not televised, if only so that the world could be shown what West Indian umpires have allowed the game to come to. A year ago when New Zealand were being beaten in not much more than three days on the same ground, their captain, Geoff Howarth said, with reference to the West Indian bowling, that "I have been a professional for 18 years and what happened out there had nothing to do with my ideas about cricket." Jeremy Coney, his vice-captain, said how "delivery after delivery was pitched short, with the result of aiming to injure." The same two umpires, David Archer and Johnny Gayle, were standing then as stood now.

That Gower has not been as critical as Howarth was perhaps because England chose now to mix it with the West Indians. On Saturday ball after ball from Botham, and often several in an over from Thomas, can only have been aimed at intimidating or injuring the batsman. On Sunday, of the 257 balls bowled by the West Indians, I doubt whether more than a couple of dozen would have hit the stumps. At least half had to be ducked or dodged. Law 42 might just as well not exist for all the notice that was taken of it, though its wording is perfectly clear: "Umpires shall consider intimidation to be the deliberate bowling of fast, short-pitched balls which by their length, height and direction are intended or likely to inflict physical injury on the striker."

When they were being bowled out on the first day for 157, England felt already that they were being treated as Aunt Sallys. To some extent they were, but they should still have scored quite a lot more runs than they did. Although not armed for the purpose, when they themselves took the field they opted for retaliation, starting when Edmonds at once stood provocatively and aggressively close at short leg. The price he pays for that today is a bruise the size of a saucer, the result of being hit close to the heart by a beamer from Patterson. But for his chest protector, Edmonds would have no ribs left. Just as Willey, but for the guard he was wearing, would almost certainly have a shattered left arm as the result of being struck by Patterson.

Against West Indies, bowling as they did on Sunday, England could have gone in again and again on this same pitch and not reached 150. Of its kind, the attack was lethal. A side comprising the pick of modern batsmen, West Indians included, might have reached 200, but not many more. The combination of four brilliant fast bowlers, with a licence to maim, seemed to me to be unstoppable. So how, you may ask, did Willey make 71?

Well, he is a man of steel, and he had the good fortune to be dropped when he was 23, a reasonably simple chance. He also has a rare knack of keeping out of danger, both physical and when it comes to choosing what balls it is safer not to play. He is like an old warrior of the ring, who can go 15 rounds with younger and better men and come out of them unscathed. He is strong enough, too, to play strokes of great power from positions which no text book contains. It was an innings to compare with one of the most courageous I ever saw — Tony Greig's 110 against Thomson and Lillee, on a similarly treacherous pitch, in the first Test at Brisbane in 1974-75.

Whether the rest of this present series is to be as calamitous from England's point of view as that one in Australia was remains to be seen. On the whole I doubt it, partly because the only other pitch likely to prove as nasty as Sabina Park's should be Bridgetown; but when a side's collective nerve gets shot to pieces, as this one's could, disasters do come thick and fast, and there is going to be no respite from the fiercest speed.

The only genuinely fast bowler West Indies had to face here was Thomas. They were able to luxuriate in 21 overs from Edmonds and four from Willey. For England it was a very different matter. When at one end Marshall felt like a rest, Patterson was straining at the leash. At the other, when Garner had had enough, Holding was there to claim his 236th Test wicket, one more than Sobers and second only to Gibbs among West Indians. In Willey's view, Patterson was the fastest of them all. In the one-day international during England's first innings of the Test match, when Patterson had looked no more than very quick, he is said now to have been suffering from an upset stomach. When asked, by the way, where he learnt to bowl, he said: "Just on the beach and in the streets."

Gower, for his part, believes England did not play "as badly as the scorecard suggests." He referred after the match to problems of practice, though for that the touring side, because of a certain laxness, must take some responsibility. Asked about the short-pitched bowling, Gower said that: "To be honest I don't think you expect any different out here." He had "no complaints about people's attitudes" and said the team would be "taking each day as it comes." On a pitch such as this last one, what does come can be horrendous. Robinson, for example, had spent all the early morning on Sunday in a net, taking on "Fred" (the bowling machine). In the event he was bowled by a lightningly fast shooter when needing to be on the look-out for something short.



Start of a rout: Garner begins England's second-innings humiliation by bowling Robinson for nought

Scoreboard

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Second Innings

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R T Robinson b Garner	0
*D I Gower c Best b Patterson	9
P Willey b Garner	71
A J Lamb c sub (Harper) b Patterson	13
I T Botham b Marshall	28
D M Smith c Gomes b Marshall	0
†P R Downton c Haynes b Holding	2
R M Ellison b Garner	11
P H Edmonds low b Patterson	7
J G Thomas not out	1
Extras (b 5, nb 3)	8
Total	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-3, 3-19, 4-60, 5-65, 6-103, 7-106, 8-140, 9-146, 10-162.

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ATHLETICS

Christie packs the power for a Cosford re-run

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The rematch between Linford Christie, the new European indoor 200 metres champion, and Alexandr Evgeniev, the former double European indoor 200 metres champion, should be the focus of the match between Britain and the Soviet Union at Cosford tonight, provided that the pair have recovered from a journey that has turned them into long-distance sprinters.

Following the race in which the exuberant Christie came from nowhere in the world rankings to take his first international title and relegate to second place the laconic Evgeniev, the pair went on to the late-night official banquet, got up early to fly to London, and drove up to Cosford for a match whose proximity to the European championships has brought criticism from Mike Turner, the British team manager.

Christie certainly has much in his favour for tonight's return with Evgeniev, who also won the world indoor games title last year. They should both get the outside lane, so crucial to smooth sprinting on these tight indoor tracks. It was Christie's strength which prevailed over Evgeniev in Madrid and with the Soviet athlete looking in markedly inferior form to the past three winters, Christie's strength is again likely to be the telling factor.

However, the most exciting facet of his personal best 21.10sec on Madrid's 164-metre track is that it is going to be worth under 20.5sec outdoors this summer, despite Christie's protests that he should concentrate on the 100 metres for the Commonwealth Games.

Geoff Parsons, a bronze medal winner in Madrid, has decided that he will compete in the high jump after all, but the chances of Britain winning the match, sponsored by Dairy Crest, are made to look remote by the fact that all nine Soviet medal winners from Madrid will compete this evening.

Technique will be the order of the day earlier at Aldersley Stadium in Wolverhampton, where there will be a repeat of the hammer competition two years ago in the corresponding match. Yuri Sedykh, a double Olympic champion, and Yuri Tamm, who made the longest throw in the world last year, will first compete against Martin Girvan and David Smith, before going on to give one of the invaluable field event seminars which the British Amateur Athletic Board have so successfully arranged this winter, with a view to raising standards in some of Britain's weaker events.

Rob Harrison reverts to the 800 metres, in which he won the European title last year, following his disastrous run over 1,500 metres in Madrid. After a similarly poor performance, David Sharpe makes the opposite switch. After much indecision over the weekend he has finally decided to run as a guest in the 1,500 metres.

Ernest Obeng has been given clearance again to compete for Great Britain, replacing Clarence Callender in the 60 metres.

Sports Commentary



David Miller

A scientific paper circulating among British athletics coaches, published by a Canadian medical research group, disturbingly suggests not only increased fragility of the bone among women athletes but higher rate of cancer risk on account of the combination of endurance training and the contraceptive pill. The significance of the evidence, which tends to be drawn together from not necessarily related data, is questioned by a British doctor in sports medicine with whom I discussed it.

Yet the fact is, as he admits, that there is at present far too little knowledge of what is being done to young women's glandular systems by the double interference of abnormal exercise loads and chemical contraception. "We do not know what we are doing to them educationally, emotionally or physically," he said.

The confusing fact is that medically and statistically, it is evident that female athletes more easily give birth than non-athletic women and also tend athletically to improve following the birth of the first child. But what severe training and the contraceptive pill both tend to do is activate a simulation of the middle-ages menopausal phase, which itself in normal life exhibits brittle bone tendancy and, it is believed, increased cancer risk.

British medical authorities have so far not chosen to investigate the Canadian claim; but the Canadian recommendation for women athletes not to use the contraceptive pill with its distortion of hormonal balance must be common sense.

GOLF

Tewell's breakthrough

From John Ballantine, Los Angeles

No fewer than 41,352 spectators basked in 80°F Californian spring sunshine to applaud and metaphorically sing "See the Conquering Hero Come" as Doug Tewell strode along the 18th fairway at Riviera, several lengths ahead of his nearest challengers in the Los Angeles Open. Yet this was only Tewell's third victory since he joined the tour in 1975.

Tewell is one of those "80 or so players who could win any week" that Johnny Miller spoke of earlier: very experienced, a solid swinger and an excellent short game player. At the start he had a posse of dangerous challengers on his tail, including Wadkins, the title holder, Willie Wood, Tom Kite and Corey Pavin, and yet he showed them all a clean pair of heels after he had obtained the all-important birdie at the 506yd first hole.

Behind Tewell, players like Ken Brown staged an entirely different competition, striving to keep their cards reasonable in order to win as many dollars as possible. The Scot bore Britain's flag alone after Nick Faldo and Peter Oosterhuis had failed to qualify.

Brown's excellent start included holing from 12 feet and 15 feet for immediate birdies and although he took three putts on the lightning fast fifth green, he got out in 35.

FINAL SCORES: 278: D Tewell, 68,72,68,70. 277: C Rose, 73,70,66,68. 278: W Wood, 72,69,69,70. 279: J Delsing, 68,74,71,66; J Gallagher, 71,71,68,69. 280: L Wadkins, 71,70,67,72; C Pavin, 74,68,69,69; A Cerda, 74,67,69,70; 284: M O'Grady, 68,68,75,73. British score: 289: K Brown,70,75,72,72.

Skills above average

There were over 80,000 spectators in the Bernabeu Stadium on Sunday for an average Spanish League match against Seville, and they were not there because they had nothing better to do, or, as Bill Shankly used to say, it was more important than life and death. They were there because they knew they would be entertained.

When, in the fifties, it was finally acknowledged in Britain that Hungary, Brazil, Italy and other nations possessed a superior technical level of football, it was our defenders rather than our forwards who were exposed. Although Wolves had their floodlit-friendly victories over Honved, and Spartak and Matt Busby's youngsters stretched Real Madrid in the European Cup semi-final in 1977, British clubs were on the run. Exiles of the famous Hungarian teams had taken up residence in Spain, and my first visits to Madrid and to Barcelona were to witness the six-goal destruction of Rangers of Glasgow and Birmingham respectively.

The most exhilarating club match ever played in Britain is considered by many to have been Madrid's crushing of Eintracht in 1960. No longer could it be claimed, though the self-delusion continues even to this day, that the Football League was the best in the world. It was, and is, eventful. What happened between 1960 and 1980 was that British teams learned, above all, to defend — by numbers and systems which reached a depth with Nottingham Forest's soporific victory over Hamburg when playing with one attacker, Birtles.

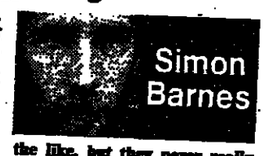
Watching Sunday's late night television round-up of the first division, it was apparent that the technical skills among both forwards and defenders of many Spanish teams are still superior to those of the majority of the British. This is not to say they have more exciting matches, but many moments of thrilling individualism.

The centres by Chendo, a full back, and Vasquez, a midfield player, for two goals by the brilliant Butragueño, were the execution of what is almost a lost art in Britain: flighted balls, pulled back through more than a right angle, curling over the defence with back spin. The same was true of Amarilla's cross for Alonso's first goal for Barcelona in Cadiz.

Butragueño, short and mercurial, is in the same mould as Kopa of France, doyen with Di Stefano of the early years of the European Cup. I fancy that Spain will be even more of a problem for Northern Ireland in the World Cup this summer than Brazil; a far better Spain than in 1982, when the Irish beat them, as we saw in the European Championships.

Madrid, meanwhile, seem unlikely to surrender a lead of six points over Barcelona at the top of the table. They beat Seville 2-1; Barcelona won in Cadiz 3-1. Real have still to play Venables's team at home, having lost 2-0 at Nou Camp.

Sport played according to two sets of rules



Simon Barnes

Another West Indian horror-show ends. The soberest of judges believe that the likelihood of a cricketing death moved a pace nearer after the first Test match — and there are four more to go. However, you will not find a professional cricketer in England to speak against the tactic of pace and intimidation, not even poor old Mike Gatting. Physical risk and physical intimidation are part of cricket, they will tell you.

All sports are played with two sets of rules. The first are the rules of the game; the second are the ethics of the players. As C.B. Fry jadedly put it: "In football, it is widely acknowledged that if both sides agree to cheat, cheating is fair." It is true in all sports: the niggling and clogging of professional football, the ferocity of top rugby players of both codes, the unashamed agression of international cricket. All these things would appal those who play for mere fun: for men at the top, who play in pursuit of real excellence, such things are a way of life, part of the game.

"They get called dirty bastards, stuffers, destroyers and the like, but they never really bothered me, because they were not very efficient," George Best said. "I mean, you've got to be very good to break someone's leg." However, in World Cups we have seen players as good as Pelé and Maradona deliberately intimated and deliberately injured. Physical conflict, even at an illegal level, is accepted as part of the game.

It appals people that cricket can contain similar brutalities. People want to believe that cricket is a gentle as well as a beautiful game, played on arcadian grounds between teams of vicars bowling googlies; but cricket has never truly been like this, physical intimidation has always been there.

In 1751, Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, and Surrey's first recorded captain, was hit in the side by a cricket ball, an abcess formed internally, and when it later burst while the Prince was dancing, he died. In the early 19th century, George Brown bowled a practice ball that went straight through the coat held out by his long stop and killed a dog that was loitering behind.

The cricket ball has always been hard and horrible, and along with the googly-bowling cleric, the demon fast bowler has long been one of the game's archetypes. All fast bowlers test not only the reaction of the batsman but his courage as well. "A fast bowler must be allowed to put doubt into a batsman's mind," said Andy Lloyd, the England opener felled by Marshall during the "Blackwash" summer of 1984. He said this after, not before, the incident.

It follows that an awful lot of fast bowling is against the laws. Law 42.8 says: "The bowling of fast, short-pitched balls is unfair if, in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's end, it constitutes an attempt to intimidate the striker." Fast bowlers have sought to put the fear of God in batsmen since the underarm days. It is part of the ethics of the game.

"I enjoy hitting a batsman more than getting him out," Jeff Thomson said, showing off for the press. Dennis Lillee, a more thoughtful fellow, said: "I try to hit a batsman in the ribs when I bowl a purposeful bouncer, and I want it to hurt so much that the batsman doesn't want to face me any more."

Lillee and Thomson were the inheritors of the grand tradition of the demon fast bowler. What was new was their frankness and their persistent ruthlessness. Between them, they caused the balance of power in cricket to change.

In 1975-76 Australia beat West Indies 5-1. Thomson took 29 wickets and Lillee 27. Alvin Kallicharran was hit and threw up on the pitch in reaction — and the West Indians vowed that never again would they be jolly losers. Calypso cricket was killed off by Lillee and Thomson; the West Indians decided to fight fire with inferno.

They proceeded to beat the world, starting with Tony Greig's England in the "Gravel" summer of 1976. Batsmen have never had it so hard: the all-pace, all-intimidation attack is the most fearsome invention in cricket. Bodyline was kid's stuff in comparison with the untiring, unwavering, brilliantly delivered, production-line ferocity of the West Indian attack.

Cricket these days is played by bigger, fitter, stronger, and, I would bet, faster men than ever before. All sports have improved radically in terms of physical attainment in recent years: why should cricket be the sole exception? Unquestionably, the art of physical intimidation has come right out of the closet.

The game must modernize to keep pace; the West Indian machine has out-thought the rule-makers with a ploy of brutal simplicity. To redress the balance, should not the batsman be given a fraction longer to play the ball? Do not the bowlers need to be two yards slower? So, should cricket not go metric, with Gatting, brave as a lion, deserving to meet Marshall next time on a pitch that is 22 metres long?

● *Tomorrow a sports psychologist discusses intimidation and how to repair players' shattered nerves*

Captain's innings by Coney

Wellington (Reuter) — Jeremy Coney's third Test match hundred for New Zealand and powerful hitting by Richard Hadlee almost certainly put victory beyond Australia's reach in the first Test match here yesterday. Bad light and rain ended play 40 minutes before lunch on the fourth day with New Zealand 379 for six in reply to Australia's first innings 435. One day remains for play.

Coney, the New Zealand captain, reached his hundred by pulling McDermott backward of square for four. He had been batting for 286 minutes and had faced 191 balls. Hadlee, meanwhile, was steaming along, his 12th Test match 50 coming from 80 balls.

Hadlee, who took his 300th Test wicket in Australia's first innings, lifted Davis over his head for six and ran a single in the same over to reach his fifty.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 435 (G R J Matthews 130, G M Ritchie 92, D C Boon 70).

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

T J Franklin c Border b McDermott	0
B A Edgar c Waugh b Matthews	38
J R Reid c Phillips b Reid	52
S R Gillespie c Border b Reid	28
M D Crowe b Matthews	19
K R Rutherford c sub b Reid	65
*J V Coney not out	101
R J Hadlee not out	72
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 1, nb 15)	24
Total (6 wkts)	379

†† D S Smith, G B Troup and E J Chatfield to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-57, 3-94, 4-115, 5-138, 6-247.

BOWLING (to date): McDermott 24.3-5-80-1; Davis 25-4-70-0; Reid 31-6-104-3; Matthews 37-10-107-2; Border 4-3-1-0; Waugh 4-1-9-0.

Athey shows boldness for his highest score

From Simon Wilde, Galle, Sri Lanka

Events went as well as the England B team could have hoped yesterday but it was entirely due to their own boldness. Off 44 overs before declaring they thumped a further 136 runs, no small achievement on this slow pitch, and then captured three wickets for 96 by the close. Sri Lanka are still eight runs behind and there should be an absorbing struggle today, the final day of the series.

At the start a lot depended upon Athey, who was 102 not out, and he duly played himself in with caution and then went all out for his strokes. The first hour produced 32 runs, the second 55; of these, Athey made 71. He was having to nuture the strike carefully because at the other end was Smith, who on Sunday had a temperature of 102 and was still not well.

Cook, the nightwatchman, had been Athey's overnight partner but he did not come out with him. He was said to be suffering from flu, although he bowled with aggression later on. His absence was tantamount to a declaration of intent by Nicholas, who sent out Smith in his place. Smith later said that "even walking to the wicket was a struggle".

Athey was eventually out after batting 460 minutes for 184, the highest score of his career and the highest by an Englishman in Sri Lanka. Smith then took over and Moxon, his runner, found himself increasingly redundant as his charge turned dealing in boundaries. Aniurasiri, the slow left-arm bowler, was dispatched over his head a number of times as balls peppered the main stand. The hour after lunch realized 89 runs, 54 from Smith.

The most important of the three wickets England took was that of the tall, patrician Samaraseker. England have not forgotten his explosive innings in the last two matches but yesterday, mercifully, he went to a timid, mistimed stroke to mid-on off Cook when only eight. Von Hagt completed a pair when he fell to Agnew.

Whether England today can achieve their first first-class win of the tour, largely depends on their bowlers. They are collectively performing as well as at any stage, but Lawrence is inclined to waste energy with deliveries outside the off stump. Cowans is also erratic and Agnew's fitness remains uncertain.

SCORES: Sri Lankan XI 231 and 98 for 3 (S Wettimuny 49 not out; England B 336 for 8 dec (C W J Athey 184, C L Smith 70 not out)

● Despite a superb 106 from Phil Caley, of Suffolk, and an impressive all-round display from Chris Rudd, of Devon, the Minor Counties under-25 side suffered the first defeats of their Kenyan tour in Nairobi. Both matches against the Kenyan National side for the Watney Cup ended in defeat.

SCORES: Kenya 232 (E Tito 62, H Meeta 57), Minor Counties 214 (P J Caley 106, G F B Rudd 41). Kenya won by 18 runs. Minor Counties 185 for 9 (M Rosseberry 42), Kenya 186 for 5 (Shazan 68 not out, Tariq 47). Kenya won by 4 wickets.

Pakistan are revived by brave Mudassar

Mudassar Nazar made a courageous 81 to help Pakistan to a useful first innings lead of 121 over Sri Lanka on the second day of the first Test match in Kandy yesterday.

Resuming at 58 for four in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 109, Pakistan were all out for 230, and when bad light ended play early Sri Lanka were seven without loss in their second innings.

Mudassar was helped in reviving the Pakistan innings by Salim Malik, who contributed 54 to a fifth-wicket stand of 101. The visitors were also indebted to a lively last-wicket stand of 39 between Wasim Akram and Tauseef Ahmed. Even so, Pakistan's total was their lowest in Tests against Sri Lanka.

Mudassar and Salim batted through the morning and had taken the score to 154 when Salim was caught at the wicket, giving the opening bowler, de Mel, his 50th Test wicket, and Imran Khan was sixth out at 167. At 173 Mudassar's six-hour vigil ended when the Sri Lanka captain, Mendis, held a brilliant diving catch off Rumesh Ratnayake at short mid-off. Mudassar hit nine fours and faced 238 balls.

Two more wickets made the score 191 for nine but the late flourish by Akram and Tauseef took the total past 200.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 109

Second Innings

S Wettimuny not out	3
Ravi Ratnayake not out	4
Total	7

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mudasser Nazar c Mendis b Rumesh Ratnayake	81
Mohsin Khan lbw b de Mel	1
Qasim Omar lbw b Rumesh Ratnayake	11
Javed Miandad lbw b Asoka de Silva	4
Ramaez Raja lbw b Warnaweera	3
Saleem Malik c Aravinda de Silva b de Mel	54
*Imran Khan c sub b Ranasunga	1
Abdul Qadir b Rumesh Ratnayake	11
†Zulqarnain b de Mel	1
Tauseef Ahmed not out	23
Wasim Akram run out	19
Extras (b 4, w 7)	11
Total	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-28, 3-48, 4-53, 5-154, 6-167, 7-173, 8-181, 9-191, 10-230.

BOWLING: de Mel 17.2-5-50-3; Ravi Ratnayake 10-1-25-0; Rumesh Ratnayake 22-2-57-3; Warnaweera 7.3-2-25-1; Asoka de Silva 17-7-57-1; Ranatunga 15.3-6-30-1.

Victoria victorious

Sydney (Reuter) — Victoria obtained their first Sheffield Shield victory for two seasons yesterday when they beat South Australia by eight wickets in Adelaide.

After dismissing South Australia for 211 in the morning, Hickey taking seven for 81, Victoria made light of the 265-run target. Whatmore, with 84, and Quinn, with a maiden century, put Victoria firmly on the road to victory with an opening partnership of 139.

Quinn was eventually out for 103 but the captain, Jones, kept up the pressure with a lightning 57 to take his side home. In Perth the match between Western Australia and the Shield leaders Queensland ended in a drab draw.

ICE HOCKEY

Too many imports spoil broth

By a Correspondent

The limit on the number of imported players is an excellent rule in the Heineken League, for there is a danger that clubs are relying on them to far too great an extent.

Tim Salmon and Kevin Conway, for instance, have scored 186 of Ayr Brains' 259 goals, but even their combined efforts could not prevent Dundee Rockets winning by the odd goal in 11. The winner was scored 95 seconds from the end by Garry Unger, a Canadian.

Dundee were not so successful on Sunday, finding Murrayfield Racers in fine form, inspired by three goals from their import, Rick Fera; but three home-bred players scored the other Murrayfield goals and it is significant that the premier division of the Heineken League is led by Durham Wasps, one of the few teams with two truly effective forward lines.

Animport, John Ciotti, is their leading scorer. He got two against Streatham and five at Peterborough, but seven different players scored for the Wasps and they now have a four-point lead.

Streatham Redskins suffered two more defeats — at Durham, as expected, and at Whitley, which was something of a surprise. In nine previous attempts, the Warriors had failed to beat the Redskins, but in spite of a late rally which brought the visitors three goals in the final eight minutes, the Warriors hung on for a famous victory.

Nottingham Panthers were guilty of bad tactics at Cleveland. They tried to hang on to a one-goal lead for the final 12 minutes, but Sharpe equalized with 87 seconds remaining.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 5, Nottingham Panthers 5; Dundee Rockets 6, Ayr Bruins 5; Fife Flyers 6, Murrayfield Racers 6; Durham Wasps 8, Streatham Redskins 5; Murrayfield Racers 8, Dundee Rockets 5; Peterborough Pirates 3, Durham Wasps 13; Whitley Warriors 8, Streatham Redskins 7. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 10, Richmond Flyers 3; Blackpool Seagulls v Bournemouth Stags, abandoned, dangerous ice; Lee Valley Lions 8, Altrincham Aces 6; Sheffield Blades 3, Lee Valley Lions 8; Solihull Barons 20, Oxford City Stars 2; Southampton Vikings 7, Crowtree Chiefs 17; Telford Tigers 5, Crowtree Chiefs 7.

BASKETBALL

Staying Sharp will seal title

By Nicholas Harling

The Carlsberg National League championship trophy will be in the hands of Sharp Manchester United by tonight, so long as they avoid defeat by more than 10 points in their home game with Happy Eater Bracknell.

Since the prospect of United losing by such a margin is roughly the equivalent of Liverpool losing a football match at Anfield to Birmingham 3-0, it can safely be assumed that United will become champions for the first time. Not that they are taking anything for granted. "We're hopeful; we're planning on winning," their coach, Joe Whelton, said after Saturday's 104-75 defeat of Sperrings Solent Stars.

United had wanted to settle the dispute for the title against Solent but the margin of Team Polycell Kingston's victory at QRS Sunderland, by 152-115, means that the London club are still in with a faint mathematical chance of reducing the aggregate points difference, which is currently 11.

Although United's was a team effort, Whelton had special praise for Tom Brown (24 points) and Gardner (23).

Kingston, needing another big win to stay in contention after their 50-point rout of Solent, got it at Sunderland where Clark's 51 points enabled him to become the first player to score over 50 in three successive league games.

The meeting of Birmingham Ballets and newly promoted Brunel Ducks Uxbridge and Camden, who had both qualified for the national championship play-offs, resolved which team would face the likelihood of the daunting prospect of playing Kingston to decide a Wembley place.

Birmingham's 105-94 success means they will face Portsmouth and Uxbridge will meet Kingston, assuming United take the title, in which case they will oppose Walkers Crisps Leicester. Manchester Giants, who take on Crystal Palace in the other play-off, were 113-93 winners away to Nissan Bears Worthing.

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps borrows sled

Nick Phipps will today reveal one of the best kept secrets at the world championships when he takes to the ice in a Swiss sled on the first day of training for the four-man competition (Chris Moore writes). Unknown to the other 18 nations competing here, including the Swiss, Phipps has borrowed the sled in which Ekkehard Fasser, the 1983 world champion, won this year's overall World Cup title.

The agreement between Fasser and Phipps's sponsors, Allied Streel, was struck in Lake Placid two weeks ago. It also involves Fasser, who is not in the Swiss team here, working with Allied Steel during the summer towards producing a similar custom-built Swiss sledge for Phipps next season.

The British champion has only four days in which to adjust to the more sensitive handling of Fasser's bob, but providing that poses no unexpected problem, he believes it could put him hard on the heels of the top teams.

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FOOTBALL

Captain Robson shows concern for cracks in England's build-up

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Tel Aviv

Bryan Robson wanted to celebrate his 50th cap by leading out his country at Wembley in the World Cup qualifying tie against Northern Ireland last November. It did not seem too much to ask.

In the previous two years he had missed only two of the 22 internationals, had captained the side during the tours of South America and Mexico and had ushered England into this summer's finals during his 49th appearance.

But half an hour from the end of the 5-0 victory over Turkey, Robson stretched for a cross, pulled a hamstring and limped off towards months of deep and dark frustration. His first comeback for Manchester United was a dozen minutes old when he tore a calf muscle at Hillsborough; his second ended in disgrace after 75 minutes at Roker Park.

Robson, sent off for retaliation in the FA Cup third round tie at Sunderland, still maintains that he was "unfortunate". He said: "There was no intent. Venison (the victim of his assault) knows that I didn't catch him on the side of the head. He got up, ran off and didn't complain to the referee."

Although he completed the replay at Old Trafford, his troubled season took another twist during his next outing when he turned an ankle on the hour at Upton Park. In the last four months, his competitive action has totalled a mere 237 minutes for his club; and he has not played for his country.

Robson, sent to Amsterdam in an attempt to clear his disturbingly persistent physical ailments and also his increasing mental depression, is not yet convinced that the treatment will be successful. "Only time will tell whether it will work. I'm still following the routine of muscle exercises — two days off and one day on.

"I'm now more relaxed before matches and obviously I hope it will solve the problems I had last year. I was also advised to vary my diet and cut out sugar and chips. That was hard and I have been tempted. Four times in the last six weeks I've relaxed the rule and had some chips.

"The physiotherapist told me that there is no reason why I can't play on until I'm 35. That gives me another six years. I can survive playing the same style. I don't have to change and I won't burn myself out. I'm just happy to be fit and about to win that 50th cap. It's been a long time."

Robson returns for England's first ever senior fixture against Israel here tomorrow in a side that will be almost completely transformed. The only survivors from the line-up that beat Egypt 4-0 last month are likely to be Shilton, Stevens, Sansom and Wilkins. Three of them happen to be the only squad members who are more experienced than their captain.

Shilton, already the holder of the record number of caps for an England goalkeeper, will collect his 77th, Wilkins his 76th and Sansom his 61st. Butcher, who will probably be the next player to reach the milestone, will be gaining his 36th. In contrast, Beardsley, a substitute in Cairo, is expected to make his first full appearance.

The line-up is likely to be completed by Martin, West Ham United's talented central defender, who has been selected only once in the last 21 months, Hoddle, Dixon and Waddle. The midfield trio, linked for the fourth time, will be the only line in the formation that has played together before.

The rearrangements, enforced by the absences of Hateley, Lineker and Reid, are sure to be unsettling, initially at least, and Robson is understandably concerned about England's World Cup preparations. The authorities should perhaps heed his words.

"People expect us to do well but I'm not sure that the set-up allows us to," he said. "We should be getting together and playing together more than we do. Look at Brazil: they assembled two weeks ago and will not break up until after the World Cup is over. Look at Poland: they have just been competing in a tournament in Mexico.

"They prepare for months in advance. We just seem to fit things in. After the European ban on our clubs, they should have left the domestic programme alone. An event like the Super Cup has not helped us. If that had not complicated things, Northern Ireland, Scotland and ourselves would have been able to arrange more friendly matches. Even if we had the best players in the world, our build-up is not that good."

Robson added: "But we are a clean living lot, we behave responsibly and hardly any of us drink. If any squad had got a chance of winning the World Cup on fitness, it would be us."

Chance for Aizlewood

From a Special Correspondent, Dhahran

Mike England, the Welsh manager, has opted for experience as his team prepares to take on Saudi Arabia here tonight. With his strongest side available — Mark Hughes, who is banned from the three opening European championship matches, is the only senior player missing — England has introduced only one new cap, the Charlton Athletic defender Mark Aizlewood.

"This match gives me an opportunity to see how Aizlewood and Blackmore shape up to international football," England said.

Clayton Blackmore, who is making a serious challenge for a regular place in the Manchester United side, and Aizlewood, the Charlton Athletic full back, are obviously seen as key figures as England tries to remould his side for the European championships.

WALES: N Southall (Everton), N Slatter (Oxford United), M Aizlewood (Charlton Athletic), K Ratcliffe (Everton,captain), K Jackett (Watford), D Phillips (Manchester C), R James (QPR), P Nicholas (Luton Town), I Rush (Liverpool), C Blackmore (Manchester Utd), G Davies (Manchester City). Subs: E Niedzwiecki (Chelsea), D Williams (Norwich City), Allen (Watford), S Lowndes (Millwall), M Thomas (West Bromwich Albion).

Government aid is not forthcoming

Football will not receive Government aid in the attempt to prevent England's best players moving abroad. The Minister for Sport, Dick Tracey, informed the sport's authorities yesterday that Government cannot help their fight against a ruling by the European Economic Community for free movement of players within Europe.

European clubs are limited to two foreign signings, but English football administrators are worried that many top players will seek their fortunes overseas if the EEC ruling is enforced.

The removal of restrictions could spark a transfer scramble with such top players as Ian Rush, Glenn Hoddle, Gary Lineker and Kerry Dixon tempted by huge offers from overseas clubs. Mark Hughes, of Manchester United, plans to move to Barcelona at the end of the season. There are fears that home stars would be replaced by inferior deputies from abroad and that England internationals would become inaccessable to Bobby Robson.

Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, said: "You would struggle to think of half a dozen foreign players who have made an impact in our league since they started coming here.

Evans warns Villa on safety-first

TheOxford United manager, Maurice Evans, yesterday urged his club's Milk Cup opponents Aston Villa to consider fully the safety aspects of tonight's first leg semi-final clash. A decision on Villa's frozen pitch has been delayed until this morning, but their manager Graham Turner gives the twice-postponed tie "an even chance" of going ahead.

Turner, however, conceded that certain areas of the ground "are a little bit dangerous at this stage". Evans countered: "I'm not one for getting games played at all costs. I've yet to know a season that didn't end."

He added: "I appreciate that this is World Cup year, but people always get in a panic about getting games played. There is no point in playing on a skating rink. There is a danger to players and the match becomes a lottery."

Wolverhampton referee Terry Holbrook checked Villa's pitch yesterday and match official Joe Worrall will have the final say on whether the game is played.

If the tie does go ahead, Dave Langan will end almost two months' absence from the game. The Republic of Ireland full back is set for his comeback after a hamstring injury. Evans allowed defender Neil Slatter to travel with Wales for a friendly in Saudi Arabia when he was satisfied Langan would be fit to replace him.

Langan could face a stern test against Villa's tricky winger Mark Walters. But the biggest threat to Oxford's advance may be Simon Stainrod, the former Queens Park Rangers striker whose goals have shot Villa out of their nightmare league form towards two cup finals. Stainrod has notched 10 goals in five cup ties this season, but will miss partner Andy Gray who is suspended.

Turner acknowledged: "The pitch is hard all over, but a decision would not have been delayed if we didn't feel we had a chance. Two strips are causing the problem, one down the touchline and the other in a goalmouth. If the situation doesn't deteriorate, we have a 50-50 chance of playing. We will sand it and work as fast as we can to get the game on."

● Derby County's FA Cup fifth round tie against Sheffield Wednesday has been called off for the fifth time because the Baseball Ground pitch is frozen. The game is now scheduled for tomorrow, forcing Derby to add to their already worrying backlog of league fixtures by postponing a third division game against Rotherham.

Naples on Rideout's tail

Bobby Robson may not want Paul Rideout; Naples do. They have asked Bari to quote them a price, seeing the young centre forward as the player they need to give them power in the air. The fall in the dollar has meanwhile vastly reduced the size of the payments they still have to make to Barcelona for Diego Maradona.

On Sunday, after only a few minutes, Rideout hit the Juventus crossbar at Bari. However, in the second half, the champions walked all over Bari and won, 3-0. So they gained a point on their only challengers, Roma, who drew an ill-tempered game in Florence. Pruzzo yet again scoring their goal.

Better news for Brazil: Zico's left knee, on which he had an operation in October, seems to be standing up wonderfully well. He played well on Flamengo's recent international tour, when they comfortably beat Iraq in Baghdad, and on his return scored three out of four goals in the Maracana in Rio when Flamengo thrashed their old rivals Fluminense, the Rio champions, 4-1, in front of 80,000. His fourth goal, from a penalty, was the 700th of his career.

Who will manage Real Madrid next season? The one thing that seems certain is that it will not be the present incumbent, Molowny, once their inside right, and now the man whom they fish out of the backroom when things are going wrong. The club president, Mendoza, still wants Luis Aragones, manager of Atlético Madrid, but despite the fact that he is prepared to pay Aragones 150 million pesetas a year, tax free, plus bonuses, he may fail.

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

Names now being bandied about are those of a former Real manager in Vujadin Boskov, of Yugoslavia, now with Ascoli in the Italian second division, and Sepp Piontek, the German team manager of Denmark.

Admiring eyes are also being cast by Spanish clubs on John Toshack, the former Wales and Liverpool forward who has had a good first season with Real Sociedad of San Sebastian, even though they may have lost momentum in recent weeks. Criticized for his training methods at first, he was proved right when the team picked up vigorously in mid-season.

Terry Venables, meanwhile, is having his problems. His one consolation, as the two-leg contest with Juventus in the European Cup draws nearer, is that Juventus themselves have been shedding points lately. The surprising 3-0 defeat at Las Palmas virtually destroyed any faint hope Barcelona have left of retaining their championship.

On Sunday, against Cadiz, Barcelona were without half a team because of injuries and suspensions. Among those missing was Steve Archibald, who was booked in Las Palmas for dissent. He and Victor were collecting their fourth caution, which meant automatic suspension.

At a moment when every World Cup team manager hopes for the benign surprise of new talent, Poland appear to have struck lucky. Playing a depleted Uruguay team in Montevideo, they gave a first cap to Krzysztof Baran, who is 26 in July, and a midfield player with LKS Lodz. He scored both Poland's goals in a 2-2 draw.

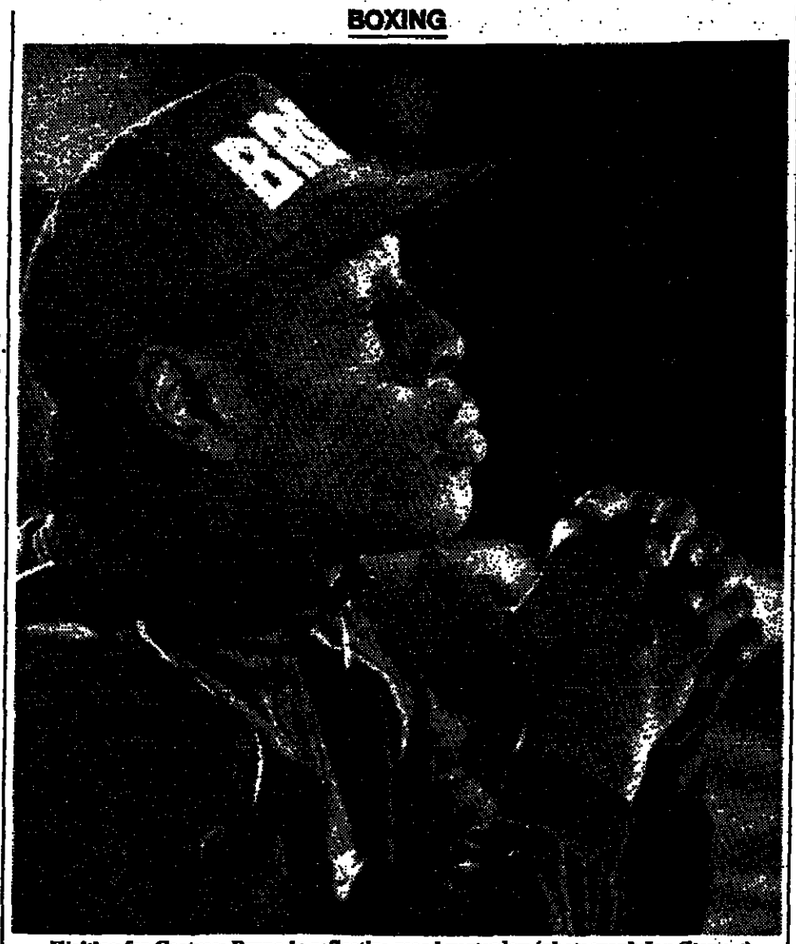
Often accused of clinging to the old guard, Italy's team manager, Enzo Bearzot, now finds himself faced by a curious problem. The best Italian sweeper of the moment is Torino's Renato Zaccarelli, aged 35. The most prolific scorer is Roma's intransigent centre forward, Roberto Pruzzo, who is 31. Pruzzo scored all five of Roma's goals against Avellino, two from the penalty spot. Zaccarelli had a marvellous game and got Torino's goal in the 1-1 derby with Juventus; then found his house had been burgled. Yes, he says, he still has dreams of Mexico, but he believes that Bearzot has made up his mind.

In the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, Zaccarelli was a midfield player. Bearzot was incensed when he, the least militant of players, was badly fouled by the Dutch player Aarie Haan; moments after Haan himself had been maltreated by Romeo Benetti.

Pruzzo has played sporadically for Italy but never fully convinced Bearzot. Now, when goals are in such short supply, he could be needed. Meanwhile, he speaks bitterly about the way Roma have spent this season trying unsuccessfully to replace him with Verona's Dane, Elkjaer.

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BOXING



Waiting for Coetzee: Bruno in reflective mood yesterday (photograph:Ian Stewart)

Promoting a bigger punch

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Either Frank Bruno or Gerrie Coetzee is going to hit the floor when they go for each other at Wembley on March 4. At their first meeting in London yesterday, they decided on using 10oz punchers' gloves, made in Mexico, instead of British ones. "I'm used to them," Coetzee said. "They are punchers' gloves." "I like the grip," Bruno said.

After much knowledgeable fist-clenching in them, the gloves were signed by the boxers, sealed and delivered into the hands of Secnicor, though, for all the interest the rest of the world had in them, I dare say they would have been safe in a shoe box at the British Boxing Board. However, it seemed a suitably important thing to do to mark the occasion of the first meeting of the two men.

They posed coyly, fists up, for BBC cameras — none of the old eyeball-to-eyeball stuff, what with the trouble in South Africa and anti-apartheid groups in Britain trying to stop the contest.

Bruno was not particularly concerned about protests by anti-apartheid groups and said that they had had no effect on him. "I haven't had any trouble from them," he said. As he was not a politician he could not see what South Africa had to do with his bout against Coetzee. So far as he knew, the anti-apartheid people would not be there in two years' time to help him pay his telephone bill or car tax.

Bruno said that he had seen Coetzee on tapes and did not underestimate him, but he just knew he would be knocking out the South African. "I've got to knock him out," he said, "because this is my year to be world champion. I don't want to be flash but I know in my heart of hearts that I will knock him out."

Coetzee, claiming that he was in better shape for this contest that for any of his other recent fights (he had one last year and one the year before), said it did not matter that he was the underdog at the bookmakers. He had been the underdog for meeting Michael Dokes, whom he knocked out.

"Somebody has lied to Frank," Coetzee said, "telling him I've been in wars and that I am a short cut to the world title. If he beats me he will be the next champ."

So confident are the promoters, Mike Barrett and Mickey Duff, that Bruno is going to win that they have invited Tim Witherspoon, the World Boxing Association champion, to come to Wembley to see Bruno and Coetzee in action. They are waiting for a reply.

EQUESTRIANISM

Heffer's good looks help to win votes

By a Correspondent

Ginny Lang (née Holgate) yesterday received the Martini award for eventing for the second consecutive year. Having won both the Badminton three-day event and the European championship last year, it was no surprise that she again topped the poll for this annual award, decided on votes cast by the readers of *Horse and Rider* and *Pony* magazines.

A slightly less obvious, but thoroughly deserving, winner was Philip Heffer, who came top in the show jumping category. Heffer, who was 20 last month, made the difficult breakthrough into sixth place on the British computer rankings at the end of last year. This achievement, coupled with his good looks, assured him of an overwhelming number of votes from the younger followers who read *Pony*.

Heffer said yesterday that he will not be riding his father's talented nine-year-old, Viewpoint in April's World Cup final in Göteborg.

SNOOKER

Thorne taken to the brink by Stevens

By Sydney Friskin

Willie Thorne, who scraped through his fifth-round match with a 5-4 victory over Kirk Stevens, meets Terry Griffiths today in the first quarter-final of the Dulux British Open snooker championship at Derby. In the evening, Alex Higgins will play Bill Werbeniuk.

Thorne won his match against Stevens with a brown to black clearance in the deciding frame, the last ball on the table proving decisive. Victory might have gone the other way if Stevens had potted the brown, his attempt to dispatch it into a corner pocket just having failed.

The climax was thus reached to an absorbing match in which Thorne took a 30 lead having, in the third frame, made a clearance break of 129, the highest so far in the tournament. But from the moment Stevens cut the lead to 31 with a clearance break of 59, Thorne was made to fight for his rewards.

Stevens, who fell 24 behind, won the seventh frame in which, after making a break of 25, he scattered the reds, a ploy which involved considerable risk, but Thorne was unable to capitalize on the situation.

The eighth frame, probably the best, developed into a shrewd battle of tactics, the scores standing at 50-50 on the green before Stevens ended the struggle with a clearance to the pink.

Stevens, potting with growing assurance, took a lead of 39-29 in the deciding frame. However, his unsuccessful attempt to drive the pink into a side pocket let Thorne in, but even then fortunes changed until the final flourish by Thorne.

The highest break of the tournament carries a prize of £5,500 and a sum of £25,000 is on offer to the player who makes the maximum break of 147. So far, two players have come within sight of it. Thorne in his match against Perrie Mans when he potted eight reds and eight blacks and had the last seven reds at his mercy.

FIFTH ROUND: W Thorne bt K Stevens 54. Scores (Thorne first): 70-12, 66-34, 129-12, 37-96, 22-69, 70-24, 17-69, 50-66, 61-48.

TENNIS

Good shepherds round up flock

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Paul Hutchins, Britain's team manager, and Mark Cox, the Davis Cup team's coach and sparring partner, are doing their sheepdog act this week — rounding up the flock in readiness for a first round tie with Spain at Telford from March 7 to 9. Jeremy Bates and Nick Fulwood travel from the Midlands to Queen's Club to begin practice today. Colin Dowdeswell is due in from France on Friday and John Lloyd should have made it from California by Sunday.

Fulwood has food for thought after an interview yesterday with Moya Walker, a dietician who lectures at Loughborough University. For two weeks he must make notes about what he eats and the evidence will then be analysed for nutritional content before dietary changes are recommended. Richard Whichello went through the same process last June but said yesterday that he had lost too much weight ("I burn up a lot of energy") after a switch to foods high in protein but low in fat. Consequently he has compromised: but does make sure that he has at least one healthy meal a day.

Hutchins said yesterday: "I am also trying to get Richard and Nick to realize that there is a correlation between mood and eating habits. Having discussed this with Moya and others, I am convinced of it. Richard, for example, was eating all the wrong things and was hypersensitive". Fulwood and Whichello, the latter on an informal basis, are both coached by Chris Bradnam, of Finchley Manor, the former national champion, who must be considering the advantages of a course in catering management.

Whichello, aged 18, had a good win yesterday when the concluding "Masters" tournament of the Lawn Tennis Association Satellite Series began at the David Lloyd Sports Club, Wallington. He won 7-6, 6-3 against a compatriot, Andrew Castle, who graduated in Marketing last month after spending more than four years at Wichita State University on a tennis scholarship. Castle came back to England for the Satellite Series. "This is good fun", he said yesterday. "It is better than sitting in the classroom".

Castle was never taken to deuce on his own service in the first set and had three set points in the tie-break. But Whichello, having served two double-faults, won the tie-break by playing a dazzling 18th point. In the match as a whole Whichello lost only 14 points in 10 service games.

Morten Christensen saved 2 match points before beating Robin Drysdale at Queen's Club last week. Yesterday the score was 6-2, 6-2 because Christensen's form was better and Drysdale's worse. Stephen Botfield, who had to win two play-off matches to qualify for the 16-man "Masters", came back from 1-4 down to win the second set but was overpowered by Jan Willem Lodder, who won 6-4, 6-7, 6-2.

Other than the fact that the seedings did not seem to count for much, the odd thing yesterday was that at 2am the club manager was trying to mop up a damp patch on one of the courts. Later the tournament matches were shifted to another hall while the components of the roof were rearranged. A damp patch on an indoor court? Uncommon, but by no means unique. This is England.

FIRST ROUND:LTA Men's indoor satellite series: M Christensen (Den) bt R Drysdale (Essex) 6-2, 6-2; F Sauer (Neth) bt D Masedorp (SA) 6-1, 6-4; R Whichello (Kent) bt A Castle (Somerset) 7-6, 6-3; O Delattre (Fr) bt P Svensson (Swe) 7-5, 6-2; J Lodder (Neth) bt S Botfield (Essex) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; R Vigmostad (US) bt C Falk (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; G Connell(Can) bt L Alfred (Wales) 7-6,6-4; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt J Winchal (Swe) 7-5,6-2.

Lendl forges ahead

From Richard Evans, Boca West, Florida

Champions are never satisfied. Ivan Lendl won the Lipton International Players' men's title by 3-6, 6-1, 7-6, 6-4 over Mats Wilander and then flew home to Connecticut with his coach, Tony Roche, to work on his game.

Anything in particular? "No, just everything," Lendl said. "I will be practising to improve all parts of my game over the next two weeks. I am only really happy with my movement at the moment. But it was good to win a title like this when I was not playing really well."

To win while not playing at one's best is, of course, the hallmark of the true champion, but a little luck is needed to achieve that kind of success. Florida's changeable winter weather provided Lendl with the break he needed.

In the blazing afternoon sunshine, the wind began to herald a rainstorm which would interrupted the match. Wilander looked more comfortable in the increasingly taxing conditions. He had played some brilliant tennis in the first set and, after a lapse in the second, was regaining his grip in the third as Lendl struggled to find the timing on his forehand.

Wilander reached break point in the sixth game, and, with the skies darkening, won the first two points of the tie-break. One of several superb, hard-hitting rallies was the last tennis the crowd of 11,000 saw for just over three hours and, crucially, Lendl won that point against a serve with a forehand pass.

When the match resumed under lights on an evening turned damp and cool, Lendl had to serve at 2-all instead of 3-1. Statistically the difference is minor; psychologically it is huge. An ill-timed half-volley lost him his second service point on the resumption and, although Wilander pulled back to 4 points all, it was apparent that the power and the confidence had suddenly returned to Lendl's ground strokes. By the time Lendl won the vital tie-break, 7-5, Wilander's hold on the match had evaporated.

SQUASH RACKETS

A spirited competitor

In the world of top tournament squash few prisoners are taken. There are only winners, and, those who have already packed their bags and departed for the next event (Colin McQuillan writes).

Spare a thought then for Ross Thorne, the man who rarely wins big prizes and who yesterday, for instance, was arranging connecting flights from Stockton to Madrid while Jahangir Khan and Ross Norman were warming up for the final of the ICI Open championships.

Yet Thorne, a 28-year-old Australian, is the first man on any promoter's list and often the lingering memory for departing crowds after major events because of his competitive spirit.

RESULTS: Men's Semi-Finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt G Polland (Aus) 9-3, 9-1, 9-3; R Norman (NZ) bt R Thorne (Aus) 9-5, 9-4, 9-6, 9-3. Women's Semi-Finals: S Devoy (NZ) bt M Le Moignan (GB) 9-3, 9-4, 9-5; J Opie (GB) bt L Soutter (GB) 9-5, 9-0, 9-1. Men Over35 Semi-Finals: H Jaban (GB) bt A Kaoud (Egypt) 91, 97, 97; A Salwat (Egypt) bt M Helal (GB) 49, 69, 96, 83, 94.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

WEST GERMAN: Werder Bremen 7, Fortuna Duesseldorf 3; Bayern Munich 3, FC Cologne 1; Borussia Moenchengladbach 3, FC Nuremberg 0; FC Kaiserslautern 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1. All other games postponed.

FRENCH: Paris St Germain 2, Lens 2; Nice 0, Nantes 0; Bordeaux 3, Metz 1; Auxerre 0, Toulon 0; Laval 0, Monaco 0; Lille 2, Bastia 2; Le Havre 1, Toulouse 0. Leading positions: Paris St Germain 47pts; Nantes and Bordeaux, 36; Auxerre, 34; Monaco and Lens, 33; Toulouse 31; Metz and Nice 30; Laval 29; Nancy and Lille 28; Sochaux, 27.

PORTUGUESE: Salgueiros 1, Benfica 1 (abandoned at half-time); Penafiel 2, Covilha 0; Aves 2, Setubal 0; Portimonense 0, Guimaraes 1; Braga 0, Maritimo 0; Academica 1, Porto 2; Belenenses 1, Boavista 1; Sporting 4, Portimonense 2. League positions: Benfica 35pts; Porto 35; Sporting 35; Guimaraes 31; Boavista 24; Belenenses 22; Salgueiros 21; Portimonense 20; Chaves 20; Setubal 18; Academica 18; Braga 17; Aves 16; Maritimo 14; Penafiel 13; Covilha 12.

SPANISH: Cadiz 1, Barcelona 3; Valladolid 3, Hercules 1; Real Madrid 2, Sevilla 1; Celta 0, Athletic de Bilbao 1; Gijon 1, Osasuna 2; Real Sociedad 2, Atletico Madrid 3; Betis 0, Zaragoza 1; Valencia 0, Santander 1; Espanol 2, Las Palmas 0.

GREEK: Doxa 0, Iraklis 0; PAOK 0, Panserraikos 0; Aris 0, Panathinaikos 0; Apollon Athens 0, Apollon Kalamarias 0; AEK 1, OFI 0; Panionios 2, Larisa 0; Panachaiki 2, Yannina 0; Olympiakos 2, Ethnikos 2. Leading positions: Panathinaikos 32; Iraklis 27; Aris 27; AEK 26; Panionios 26; OFI 25.

BELGIAN: Beerschot 0, FC Mechlin 0; Anderlecht 3, Lokeren 2; Charleroi 0, Beveren 4; Lierse 0, Antwerp 0; FC Bruges 2, Standard 3; Kortryk 2, RWDM 3; Ghent 1, SK Bruges 1. Leading positions: Anderlecht 41; FC Bruges 40; Standard 33; Ghent 32; Waregem 31; Beveren 31.

Ground offer

Middlesbrough have offered Hartlepool United the use of Ayresome Park this season, after the setting of a new crowd safety limit of 3,200 at the fourth division club's ground. Hartlepool, who have been ordered to demolish two stands, have attracted better support this season because of their challenge for promotion.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday March 7 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

X Birmingham v QPR
1 Everton v A Villa
1 Ipswich v Leicester
1 Luton v Sheff Wed
X Notts F v West Ham
2 Southampton v Man U
2 WBA v Coventry

Not on coupons: Chelsea v Watford; Man C v Oxford; Newcastle v Arsenal; Tottenham v Liverpool (Sunday).

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Middlesbro
2 Blackburn v Portsmth
1 Bradford v Grimsby
1 Brighton v Fulham
1 C Palace v Stoke
1 Huddersfld v Sndrlnd
X Hull v Norwich
1 Oldham v Millwall
1 Sheff U v Leeds
1 Shrwsbry v Carlisle

Not on coupons: Charlton v Wimbledon (Sunday).

THIRD DIVISION

2 Blackpl v Bristol C
X Bury v Notts Co
1 Darlington v Bmnth
1 Derby v Cardiff
1 Plymouth v Bolton
2 Reading v Doncaster
1 Rotherham v Brentford
1 Wigan v Chesterfield
X York v Gillingham

Not on coupons: Bristol R v Swansea; Lincoln v Wolves; Newport v Walsall (Friday).

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Peterboro
1 Chester v Stockport
1 Nthmptn v Rochdale
1 Orient v Wrexham
1 P Vale v Colchester
1 Scunthrpe v Aldersht
1 Torquay v Crewe

Not on coupons: Cambridge v Halifax (Friday); Hereford v Preston; Southend v Mansfield (Friday); Swindon v Hartlepool (Sunday); Tranmere v Exeter (Friday).

VAUXHALL-OPEL

2 Billericay v Tooting
1 Bognor v Walthamstow
1 Famboro v Croydon
1 Yeovil v Hitchin

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Aberdeen v Dundee U
1 Dundee v Clydebank
1 Hearts v St Mirren
2 Motherwell v Celtic
1 Rangers v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Brechin v Alloa
X Clyde v Airdrie
1 Dumbarton v E Fife
1 Falkirk v Partick
X Forfar v Hamilton
1 Kilmarnock v Montrose
1 Morton v Ayr

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Albion v E Stirling
1 Cowdenbth v Berwick
1 Mdlothn v Arbroath
1 Qn's Pk v St Johnstne
1 Raith v Stranraer
X Stenhsmr v Dmfrmline

Not on coupons: Stirling v Ocean of the South.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Birmingham, Nottingham Forest, Hull, Bury, York, Aberdeen, Clyde, Forfar, Albion, Stenhousemuir. Next best: Huddersfield, Darlington.

BEST DRAWS: Birmingham, Nottingham Forest, Hull, York, Aberdeen.

AWAYS: Manchester United, Coventry, Doncaster, Tooting, Celtic.

HOMES: Everton, Barnsley, Brighton, Sheffield United, Derby, Plymouth, Orient, Yeovil, Dundee, Hearts, Dumbarton, Cowdenbeath.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Everton, Brighton, Derby, Plymouth. Orient. Aways: Coventry, Doncaster, Celtic. Draws: Nottingham Forest, Hull, York.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

EUROPA CUP PLAY-OFF: Leicester Panthers 18, Birmingham Bulls 32.

CROSS COUNTRY

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Senior (7½ miles): 1. N Muir (Shettleston Harriers), 37m 3sec; 2. N Tennant (Edinburgh Southern Harriers), 37:2; 3. C Henderson (Edinburgh Southern Harriers), 37:18. Team placings: 1, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 78 pts; 2, Cambuslang Harriers, 144; 3, Aberdeen AAC, 234. Junior (5 miles): 1, S Begbie (Springburn Harriers), 25min 39 sec; 2, R Carey (Annan and District), 26:5; 3, T Hanlon (Edinburgh Southern Harriers), 26:30. Team placings: 1, Kilbarchan AAC, 77; 2, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 108; 3, Livingston and District, 132. Women: Senior (3½ miles): 1, J Lorden (Edinburgh Woollen Mills), 22:33; 2, C Price (Dundee Hawkhill Harriers), 22:42; 3, J Standing (Crawley AC), 22:46. Team placings: 1, Edinburgh Woollen Mills, 39; 2, McLaren Glasgow AC, 53; 3, Pitreavie AAC, 62. Intermediates (2½ miles): 1, L Reilly (Monpath Harriers), 14:57; 2, F Hilson (L and L Track Club), 15:40; 3, C Bartley (Victoria Park AAC), 15:48. Team placings: 1, Victoria Park AAC, 20; 2, Pitreavie AAC, 77; 3, Aberdeen AAC, 87.

ORIENTEERING

MANSFIELD: Robin Hood Trophy: Men (14.2 kilos): 1, R T Bloor (Almanteers), 77m 21s; 2, T Tett (Sheffield Univ) 80.42; 3, D Williams (Deeside), 84.10. Women (8.8 kilos): 1, G Hale (Northern Navigators), 56.53; 2, S Odell (Bog), 59.43; 3, C Kelly (Sheffield Univ), 69.58.

LEITH HILL: London Badge: Men (10.8 kilos): 1, T Watkins (Southern Navigators), 68.00; 2, M Bratt (British Army), 72.00; 3, T Keys (London), 73.00.

RUGBY FIVES

BARNES: Cambridge bt Oxford 247-212 (Oxford first); Singles: C M Danny (St Dunstan's and Christ Church) bt M Thomason (Bradfield and St Catharine's) 15-13; J G Stamp (St Paul's and Balliol) lost to A Morris (Manchest Taylors' and St John's) 11-15; R Jackdaw (Sedbergh and Lincoln) bt P M Wright (St Paul's and St John's) 15-4; P J Davey (Alleyn's and St Catharine's) lost to I Jackson (Rugby and Trinity Hall) 8-5. Doubles: Danny and Davey bt Jackson and H Stoddart (Sedbergh and Queens') 15-1, 15-13, and lost to Thomason and D Mear (St Dunstan's and Clare) 6-15, 2-15; Stamp and C Hopkins (Radley and Lincoln) lost to Thomason and Mear 15-13, 12-15, and lost to Jackson and Stoddart 16-14, 6-15; Middleton and M Kelland (Whitgift and Queen's) lost to Wright and Morris 11-15, 6-15, and bt A Oscroft (St Dunstan's and Gonville and Caius) and J Taylor (Dundle and Sidney Sussex) 15-2, 15-7; S J Roberts (St Paul's and New College) and B A Mackenzie (St Paul's and Manchester) lost to Oscroft and Taylor 13-15, 7-15, and lost to Wright and Morris 7-15, 9-15. Other results: The Jesters lost to Exeter University and beat Exeter Rugby Fives Club.

TABLE TENNIS

HALEX NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Ormesby 9, Grove 2; South Yorkshire 7, Omega Reading 1. First division: Target Gold Salford 6, Butterfly Cardiff 3.

MARATHON RELAY

YOKOHAMA (JAPAN): Women's 42km six-leg race: 1, Norway, 2hr 18min 42sec; 2, USA, 2:18:51; 3, Portugal, 2:19:22; 6, Britain, 2:21:03; 8, Ireland, 2:24:43.

REAL TENNIS

MCC bt Cambridge Gilrafies 4-1 MCC first): N Cobb bt C Parker 6-4, 6-1; P Allen bt A Lockyer 6-1, 6-1; B Sharp bt R Cherry 6-5, 6-2; P Heck bt C Whitworth 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; A Buckley lost to A Harrison 1-6,4-6.

HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP: Men's quarter-finals: Tryst 77 34, Wolves Poly 63 24; EN '82 18, Salford 23; Great Dane 16, Birkenhead 18; Liverpool 31, Leicester 73 15. Women's quarter-finals: Wakefield Metros 22, EN '82 11; Robert Jenkins 11, Great Dane 9; Halewood Town Ladies 19, Salford Ladies 14. Challenge match: George Eliot (Nuneaton) 5, Bedford College 8.

CURLING

LANARKSHIRE: Clydesdale Bank Scottish Ladies Championship: Final: Hamilton (holders) bt Ayre 7-4.

FOOTBALL

DIVISION FOUR: Southend v Halifax postponed until today (7.45).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall v Norwich postponed.

YACHTING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Third stage leading positions: 1, Atlantic Privateer (US); 2, UBS Switzerland, 3, Drum (UK); 4, Cote d'Or (Belgium); 5, Lion New Zealand. Leaders on handicap: 1, L'Esprit d'Equipe (Fr); 2, Ruscanor Trustar (Bel); 3, Equity and Law (Neth).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated.

FOOTBALL

International match
Saudi Arabia v Wales (4.45)

Milk Cup
Semi-final, first leg
Aston Villa v Oxford United

Second division
Barnsley v Sheffield United P
Huddersfield v Hull
Middlesbrough v Grimsby P

Third division
Blackpool v Lincoln City
Bury v Bolton W
Chesterfield v Plymouth P
Darlington v Wolverhampton W P

Fourth division
Colchester v Crewe
Northampton v Orient
Southend v Halifax
Wrexham v Hartlepool

Scottish first division
Brechin v Clyde P

Scottish second division
St Johnstone v Meadowbank P

GOLA LEAGUE: Postponed: Telford v Cheltenham. Bob Lord Trophy: Quarter-finals: Altrincham v Stafford; Barnet v Maidstone.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay v Dulwich; Woldingham v Yeovil. Postponed: Sutton United v Kingstonian. First division: Basildon United v Hampton (7.45); Hornchurch v Bromley; Tilbury v Grays Athletic; Uxbridge v Wembley. Second division north: Barton Rovers v Stevenage Borough. Second division south: Dorking v Camberley Town; Whyteleafe v Marlow.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Wigan (7.0). Second division: Coventry v Burnley (7.0); Notts County v York (7.0); Preston v Port Vale (2.0); Sunderland v Scunthorpe. Postponed: Leeds v Everton; Grimsby v Bradford.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Northern section: Postponed: Mansfield v Notts County.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v West Ham (2.30); Portsmouth v Brighton (7.0); Tottenham v Charlton (2.0). Postponed: Fulham v Southampton; QPR v Swindon.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Welling United v Corby Town. Bill Dellow Cup: Third round: Aylesbury v Dudley (at Tring). Midland division: Banbury v Moor Green; Grantham v Leicester United.
BASS IRISH LEAGUE: Cup: Second round replay: Glentoran v Ballyclare Comrades.
HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Watford v Bishops Stortford.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Carshalton Athletic v Barkingside; Finchley v Collier Row; Staines Town v Brimsdown Rovers; Woodford v Haringey Borough; Wokingham v Leyton Wingate.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Harrow Borough v Hendon, Southall v Hayes.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final: Leatherhead v Walton and Hersham.
YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: England v Republic of Ireland (at Elland Road, Leeds).

RUGBY UNION

Moseley v Birmingham.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Daily Crest Games: UK v USSR (at Cosford).
BADMINTON: Surrey championships (at Wimbledon S & BC).
HOCKEY: Postponed: Oxford v Cambridge.
RACE WALKING: RAF 20km championships (at RAF North Luffenham).
SNOOKER: Dulux British Open (at Derby Assembly Rooms).



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RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND MAKE EIGHT CHANGES AFTER MURRAYFIELD DEBACLE

Nettles grasped but fruit uprooted

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The disappointment felt by the England selectors after seeing so much preparation count for nothing against Scotland 10 days ago was laid bare yesterday. England's team to play Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday contains no fewer than eight changes, two of them positional, from that beaten 33-6 at Murrayfield.

The entire threequarter line is overturned, the back row recast and Chilcott, the Bath prop, returns for his second cap at loose head. Amid so much change there are only two new caps: Francis Clough, the big Orrell and Cambridge University centre, and Dean Richards, the Leicester No 8, who take the places respectively of Halliday (Bath) and Robbins (Coventry).

Harrison, the Wakefield wing who played on the left against Scotland, moves to the right at the expense of Smith (Wasps), allowing Underwood to return. The inclusion of Simms, the other Cambridge University centre, means that five of the Northern backs who played in the divisional battles are back, but it also means the surprising rejection of Salmon (Harlequins).

In the pack Rees, the Nottingham flank forward, whose international career so far has been marred by disappointment, will play with Winterbottom in the back row on a left and right basis; both men are accustomed to playing on the open side. Hall, the Bath flank forward is the only player who began the Murrayfield match not now available because of injury. Sadly his club colleague, Redman is out of the squad, his seat on the replacements' bench going to Peter Cook (Nottingham).

I wonder if, by grasping a few nettles, some of the good fruit has not been uprooted too. The failure at Murrayfield was of the forwards yet substantial surgery has been applied to the backs; any back division is only as good as the ball given them which comes of course through the forwards via the half-backs, who remain the same because there are no obviously better candidates.

The weakness of the threequarters at Murrayfield was in their passing, which was appalling. Yet that is the evidence of only one match and, on other occasions, they have all played better. Moreover, Salmon was an important organizational hinge in the team and no man could have done more — save perhaps Melville — to try to stem the constant Scottish flood.

The argument for Clough and Simms will be their familiarity as a club pairing; but they played together only a handful of times last term before the University match and not entirely successfully owing to the troubles Cambridge experienced at halfback. Clough did not play in the divisional championship and they have played little rugby recently because of the weather.

That having been said, Simms's distribution will have helped his restoration after he won five caps last season and in the cup match between Orrell and Bath last month, it was Clough who had the better game against Bath's international midfield. Clough is the fourth Cambridge captain of recent times to be capped during his term of office, the others being Davies, Bailey and Hastings.

Chilcott's selection ahead of Rendall was predicted but the Bath man will have to demonstrate good lineout support work as well as his more aggressive scrummaging. His other cap came against Australia two years ago and it has taken him that long to work off the charge of being an ill-disciplined player; his application last season and this has helped towards a recall.

I believe Rees should have been part of the team from the start. As it is he, Winterbottom and Richards, aged 22, will have their work cut out finding the cohesion necessary to a good back row. Generally speaking England have placed little credence in the left and right system which the French are employing this season, but I hope that international players are capable of adapting themselves.

There was never much to choose between Robbins and Richards for the No 8 position. Robbins received the seal of approval from his divisional selectors playing to a specific game plan. Since that plan had no relevance for England I am slightly surprised that Richards's outstanding club form was not recognized earlier. Ten years ago another Leicester No 8, Garry Adey, was chosen for this same international only to be dropped after winning two caps; I hope his successor has better fortune.

There were fitness checks yesterday and there will be more today on various players who left Murrayfield carrying bumps and bruises. The squad meets tomorrow evening hoping they do not have far to travel for training on Thursday. The Twickenham playing surface had the sun on it yesterday with covers going on the unfrozen areas at night time and RFU officials remain optimistic that the game will go ahead.

France have made two changes in their side to beat Wales in Cardiff on Saturday: Dennis Charvet and Eric Bonneval, the Toulouse players, replace Chadebech and Estève at centre and left wing respectively and Modin, the Brive scrum half, joins the replacements.

Charvet played for Major Stanley's XV against Oxford University last November and made a tremendous impression. Both newcomers played in the second international against Japan in October, in their club positions of centre, and Bonneval played on the wing against Argentina last summer. For both men it will be their first appearance in the five nations championship and means there is no place for Codorniou.



New caps: Clough (left) in the centre and Richards at No 8

ENGLAND: G H Davies (Wasps); M E Harrison (Wakefield), F J Clough (Cambridge University), K G Simms (Cambridge University), R Underwood (Leicester); C R Andrew (Nottingham), N D Melville (Wasps, captain); G J Chilcott (Bath), S E Brain (Coventry), G S Pearce (Northampton), G W Rees (Nottingham), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), M J Colclough (Swansea), P J Winterbottom (Headingley), D Richards (Leicester).

Replacements: J A Palmer (Bath), S Barnes (Bath), R J Hill (Bath), P A G Rendall (Wasps) A W Simpson (Sale) P Cook (Nottingham).

FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz); J-B Lafond (Racing Club), P Sella (Agen), D Charbet (Toulouse), E Bonneval (Toulouse); G Laporte (Graulhet), P Berbizier (Agen); P Marocco (Montferrand), D Dubroca (Agen, captain), J P Garuet (Lourdes), J-L Joinel (Brive), J Condom (Boucau), F Haget (Biarritz), E Champ (Toulon), D Erbani (Agen).

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RUGBY LEAGUE

New dates for cup encounters

By Keith Macklin

The wholesale postponement of Silk Cut Challenge Cup matches has forced the Rugby League to put back the second round matches from next Sunday to the following weekend, March 8 and 9. The last of the first round matches, Fulham v Barrow, will be played on Wigan's centrally heated pitch at Central Park tomorrow night (7.30).

The original date for the second round was last weekend, but with several first round matches still unplayed, the remainder of this week was allocated. Now the league has decreed that the second round games will be played on the date set for third round ties, with the third round played the following week, on March 15 and 16.

The draw for the third round of the competition will now be made on March 10, with the draw for the semi-finals on March 17. A full league programme will now be played as scheduled next Sunday.

● There are three new caps in the Great Britain squad for the return international against France at Wigan on Saturday: the centre, Tony Marchant, of Castleford; the scrum half, Graham King, of Hunslet; and another second row forward, Neil James, of Halifax.

SQUAD: M Burke (Widnes), D Drummond (Leigh), D Fox (Featherstone), E Hanley (Wigan), G King (Hunslet), J Lydon (Wigan), A Marchant (Castleford), A Myler (Widnes), G Schofield (Hull), L Crooks (Hull), J Fieldhouse (Widnes), J Grayshon (Leeds), N James (Halifax), H Pitman (St Helens), I Potter (Wigan), Kevin Rayne (Leeds), D Watkinson (Hull KR).

JUDO

Adams out of competition for rest of year

By Philip Nicksan

Neil Adams, the Olympic silver medal winner, has unexpectedly decided to withdraw from all competitions until the end of the year. The change of heart is not, Adams insists, the prelude to retirement.

"I am absolutely clear in my mind that my main goal remains the Olympic title in South Korea in 1988 because it is the one major title that has eluded me," he said. "But it has become equally clear to me over the past few weeks that in order to prepare realistically for the Olympics and the world championships next year I have to rethink my judo completely."

Adams, aged 27, pointed out that he had been competing at top international level since 1974, and each year since he has won at least one medal in a major competition.

"I have known for some time that I am getting stale, very stale, and this was shown by my performance at the last world championships. I need to work on new techniques, both in throws and ground work, but away from the spotlight."

Now, Adams suggests he may fight for the first time this year in the British trials in December — the start of the hard preparation for the world championships in West Germany in 1987.

RACING

Cole should rekindle flame of victory at Whatcombe

By Michael Phillips

While Michael Dickinson is still bent on keeping developments at the Robert Sangster-owned Manton a closely guarded secret, Paul Cole is only too happy to give guided tours around Whatcombe, his own £2.5m show-place which Sangster bought for Dickinson initially only to have a sudden change of heart when he heard that that Manton had just come on the market.

And how right Cole, aged 44, is to be proud of his new domain. For the beautifully refurbished and greatly renovated Queen Anne house together with its 110-box complex—the main yard houses 100 and there are 10 isolation boxes—is a far cry from Hill House, the yard that he bought on the edge of Lambourn in 1967 prior to embarking on this sometimes hazardous profession the following year with just 11 horses, five of which were by Barbary Pirate.

To describe Whatcombe as a show-place is slightly overegging the pudding as Cole himself would be the first to concede. But considering what has been achieved there in the last 10 months, it is still little short of a revelation. Apart from an equine swimming pool which may or may not be put in, all the heavy work has been finished.

"Now the place just has to be tidied up and landscaped" was the way Cole put it to me when the weather was fit for neither task. Already the situation is idyllic; the peace and tranquility almost overcoming.

"Everything is great here; training should be easy. Whether we get any winners, time alone will tell", Cole says.

After lying idle for a while, it is nice to see Whatcombe being restored because its roots go back deep into the history of English racing, just as the roots of the grass that make those famous gallops what they are dig deep into the north downs to provide that great expanse of cushion.

During the last 100 years Whatcombe's slice of history has been punctuated with some of the great names. After it has been bought by the legendary RC Dawson towards the end of the last century, the stables became the home of some of the most famous horses in the Stud Book; their owners the great patrons of the turf.

Among the horses that Dawson brought with him from Ireland was Drogheda, with whom he won the Grand National in 1888. Soon afterwards Dawson turned his attention to Flat racing, training principally for the fifth Earl of Caernarvon.



Paul Cole: team of talented three-year-olds

After moving to Newmarket for the duration of the First World War, Dawson returned to Whatcombe in 1919 and did not waste time in hitting the headlines. The following year he bought Blandford who became one of the great sires of his time before his death in 1935. He is buried at Whatcombe.

It was while he was there that Dawson was champion trainer twice and won six of his eight classics. He also trained that flying filly, Mumtaz Mahal, who is still regarded as being one of the fastest of all time. The Aga Khan, her owner, had his horses trained by Dawson from 1922 to 1931.

In due course Whatcombe's link with the great Epsom classic was to be taken a stage further when Arthur Budgett, Cole's predecessor, won the Derby in 1969 with Blakeney, a horse that he both bred and owned and repeated the feat four years later with the colt's half brother, Morston.

Situated halfway up a narrowish valley to the left of the main Shefford-Wantage Road it is surrounded by its own paddocks and gallops which, together with those on a long lease, amount to 400 acres. Those downland gallops, with their age-old route structure have such a depth of cushioning that it is sometimes hard to even hear the thoroughbred approaching at a speed going on 40 miles an hour.

Now Cole has added an all-weather strip that accommodates three abreast.

When many of his contemporaries have opted for barn-type stabling along the American lines, Cole has gone for the traditional open V-shaped yard with an angular tiled roof.

Cole is entitled to look forward to the coming season with relish with such nice three-year-olds as Nomination and Nomrood in his care. Nomination was allocated 9st 4lb in Geoffrey Gibbs's Free Handicap, only 3lb below the top, with Nomrood on 9st.

It is possible to reason that Nomination put up the best performance of a two- year-old last season when he left Green Desert (winner of the July Stakes and Flying Childers Stakes), Stalker (Gimcrack Stakes and Middle Park Stakes) and Bold Arrangement (Solario Stakes) trailing in his wake at Goodwood when he won the Richmond Stakes. After that the Gimcrack looked at Nomination's mercy.

"Why then did he not run?" I asked his handler. The answer was twofold. First, the colt had to have a break if he was to be fresh for the Dewhurst after starting his season as early as April; second, that rest was in fact forced upon him eventually by an attack of ringworm.

In the event Nomination seemed to find the distance (seven furlongs) of the Dewhurst a shade too far which is strange for one by Dominion out of a mare by Rarity. Later in the season, Nomination again appeared to not quite last out seven furlongs when he finished fourth in the Critérium de Maisons-Laffitte.

So perhaps like Primo Dominie, another fast son of Dominion, Nomination will turn out to be a sprinter pure and simple even though his breeding suggests otherwise.

As for Nomrood, Cole is inclined to think that a mile and a quarter will turn out to be his limit, even though he is by the Arc winner, Alleged. His dam is by Habitat, hence the doubt, a thought fuelled by the fact that his elder brother, Alleging, showed his best form between a mile and 10 furlongs. But by beating the highly rated Danishgar at Newmarket first time out and then finishing third in the William Hill Futurity (he was subsequently moved up a place on the disqualification of Bold Arrangement) Nomrood still served notice of better things to come

Outlook stays gloomy

The freezing weather continues to disrupt the fixture list. Tomorrow's meetings at Worcester and Wetherby have been abandoned because of frost. Today's cards at Plumpton, Kelso and Nottingham were lost due to frost and snow.

The stewards will inspect the course at Ludlow today to decide the fate of Thursday's meeting. Bob Davies, the clerk of the course said: "The course is frozen and the chances of racing are nil." The Irish meeting at Leopardstown tomorrow hinges on a 2.30pm inspection today.

Following the abandonment of 95 meetings because of bad weather the Jockey Club have announced replacement fixtures as follows: Sedgefield, April 4; Newcastle, April 10; Southwell, April 10; Towcester, April 11; Wetherby, April 14; Catterick, April 15; Fontwell Park, April 15; Warwick, April 18; Carlisle, April 21; Plumpton, April 21; Nottingham, April 22; Hereford, April 25; Sedgefield, April 29 (evening); Folkestone, April 29 (evening); Wincanton, May 1 (evening); Kempton Park, May 6 (evening); Huntingdon, May 9 (evening); Stratford-on-Avon, May 9 (evening); Ayr, May 14 (eveaing); Worcester May 14.

Italian wins in Australia

The Long John European apprentice champion, Vincenzo Mezzatesta, has ridden his first winner in Australia at Ballarat, a provincial track in Victoria - his first success from six rides so far for the veteran Melbourne trainer, George Hanlon, who has twice won the Melbourne Cup.

Messatesta, aged 19 from Rome, is spending a month in Australia as his prize for winning the Long John title. Hanlon said of the young Italian - who guided Noble Tinjar, favourite in a one mile handicap to victory - "I am very pleased with him. He rode very well

ROWING

Oxford rise to challenge

By Jim Railton

Oxford gained an important psychological lift on the Tideway at the weekend while Cambridge were finally defeated at Ely by Jack Frost in their preparations for the Boat Race on March 29 (3.15).

After flirting with their reserves, Isis, on Saturday, Oxford comfortably saw off the challenge of Vesta, who only the weekend before last had given Cambridge some problems.

Oxford raced Vesta over three seven-minute set pieces on Sunday and took three, 2½ and almost three lengths successively. Perhaps the most important piece was from Wandsworth to Putney, with Vesta having a considerable bend advantage. Oxford, underrating their rivals, moved out to a comfortable lead. The final offering was a stretch from Putney Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge. Oxford, on the Middlesex station, again dominated.

As a prelude on Saturday, Oxford took on their reserves and covered 16 miles up and down the Putney to Mortlake championship course. They dominated throughout.

This outing in particular provided the opportunity to examine the profile of this year's Oxford crew. The power base is obvious in the two experienced 26-year-old Californians, Clark and Livingston, rowing in the sixth and seventh seats respectively. Both tower at 6ft 6in and average 14st between them. The Americans row long, powerfully and consistently.

Cambridge have been frustrated by the weather but according to their chief coach, Alan Inns, are still on schedule. As strong, however, as their kevlar shell might be, it is not an ice-breaker. The weather closed in on Sunday and the Ouse at Ely turned to ice. Ely is never a tropical isle this time of the year. Consequently Cambridge, the Boat Race favourites, will be down on the Tideway for most of next week. The Cambridge crew have recovered from a flu bug and some back strains. Campbell, no donbt under a little pressure, — albeit it is hard to imagine this tough Canadian coach giving an inch — has restored Cambridge to their original order of selection. Broughton is back at stroke backed by the full internationals, Gibson, Pritchard and Peel.

Oxford and Cambridge will this weekend be entertained by London University's past and present oarsmen in the guise of their first eight and Tyrian.

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CAMBRIDGE: I R Clarke (Stourport I H and Fitzwilliam) bow, M Wilson (Princeton University and Trinity), *J D Hughes (Bedford Modern and Downing), J S Pew (Stanford University and Trinity), *S M Peet (King's, Chester and Downing), *J N Pritchard (St Clement Dane's and Robinson), E A F Gibson (Queen's University, Ontario and Churchill), *P H Broughton (Kelly College, Southampton University and Magdalene) stroke, A Baston (Alice Otley and Fitzwilliam) cox.

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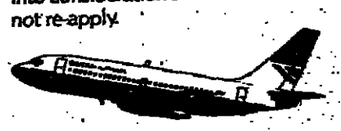
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott on the EastEnders set celebrating the serial's first anniversary. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; Junior Advice Line at 7.32, followed by the adult version approximately an hour later; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Alan Titchmarsh's gardening hints and Glynn Christian with a recipe.

9.20 Ceefax 10.30 Play School.(r) **10.50 Ceefax.**

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale, includes news headlines with subtitles **12.55** Regional news andweather.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Dr David Delvin concludes his series on ante-natal care; there is an item on why parents are changing from cow's milk to sheep's for their babies; the cooking canon exercises with Emlyn Hughes; and French author Dominique Lapierre talks about Calcutta's 'City of Joy' one of the poorest places in the world **1.45 Chock-a-Block.** A See-Saw programme for the very young, presented by Fred Harris (r)

2.00 The Goode Kitchen. Shirley Goode prepares chicken stock, Somerset casserole, Spanish omelette, meringue crunchies and rum and sultana soft scoop ice-cream **2.15 The Parent Programme.** Advice for harassed mothers and fathers of under-fives **2.30** Ceefax **3.52** Regional news.

3.55 Postman Pat (r) **4.10 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon version (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Peter Davison with part two of Dick King-Smith's The Sheep-Pig (r) **4.25 Bananaman 4.30 The Really Wild Show** Nature series presented by Terry Nutkins.

5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 15 and Mr Griffiths is upset over the amnesty for overdue library books (Ceefax) **5.35 Fax!** Bill Oddie and his team solve another selection of bones of contention.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Holiday, introduced by Cliff Michelmore. There is news of a holiday on a dude ranch in Denver; a holiday package on the Portuguese Algarve; and a cruise on a square rigger for the able-bodied as well as the handicapped.

7.30 EastEnders. In this first anniversary edition Den is seen is supicious circumstances (Ceefax)

8.00 One by One. Donald Turner is in the South of France when he meets an old friend (r) (Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View. Barry Took takes a dip into the BBC's postbag.

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

9.30 Hideaway. Episode three and with the police and the local Camden Town villains on the look-out for Colin, his daughter Tracey, tiring of the isolated life, has an argument with her father and runs back to London. (Ceefax)

10.20 Film 86. Barry Norman reviews Car Trouble and Forbidden.

10.50 Nothing But the Best. A parents' guide to secondary education (see Choice).

11.15 Late Night in Concert. Ozzy Osbourne recorded in Salt Lake City (r).

11.45 Weather

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Exercises at 6.20; news with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; film review at 8.34; Moya Doherty's reunions at 8.45; Gillian de Terville, a page 3 girl, at 9.04; and model-turned-author, Pat Booth, at 9.12.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 *For Schools:* ways of speaking about the past. For the hearing impaired **9.50** The natural history of the seaside **10.09** The skill of the signwriter **10.26** German conversation for beginners **10.48** The nature of democratic freedom **11.10** The role of computers in everyday life **11.27** How we move and how we move things **11.44** English: poetry by children from the Ford Estate, Merseyside.

12.00 Button Moon. Puppet adventures of the Spoon family. For the very young **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning made fun by puppets (r) **12.30 The Sullivans.**

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news,** presented by Robin Houston **1.30 Shine On Harvey Moon.** Comedy drama serial about an ex-serviceman coming to terms with London life after the Second World War (r)

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion n a matter of topical importance **3.00 That's My Dog.** Canine quiz presented by Derek Hobson **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.**

4.00 Button Moon. A repeat of the programme shown at noon **4.10 Bill the Minder 4.20 The Wind in the Willows.** Animated series based on the Kenneth Grahame tale (Oracle) **4.45 Splash** includes more clues in the Detective Supersleuth competition.

5.15 Blockbusters presented by Bob Holness

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. Rita Carter examines the back quacks who operate outside the medical establishment; and Graham Addicott investigates abuse of hospital patients and a new nurses initiative to speak out about dangers on the ward.

7.00 Emmerdale Farm. When Matt gives the police new evidence Dolly thinks that their troubles are nearly over.

7.30 Busman's Holiday. Mining surveyors and driving instructors are two of the teams in this week's edition of the quiz game presented by Julian Pettifer. (Oracle)

8.00 Magnum. The private investigator has a problem after gunmen rob a club and the three eye-witnesses each give a different account of what happened.

9.00 Boon. The freelance troubleshooter accepts a commission to sail a barge from Hemel Hempstead to Birmingham but discovers that the owner is not a popular man along the canal and that the cargo is obviously suspect. Starring Michael Elphick and, this week, T.P.McKenna (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Brian Moore. The second quarterfinal of the Dulux British Open Snooker Championship; and indoor athletics from RAF Cosford where Great Britain take on the USSR.

12.25 Night Thoughts



Ron Moody in the thriller Hideaway, BBC 1, 9.30pm

CHOICE

● You will not be disappointed with Christopher Martin's film about Joshua Reynolds, SIR JOSHUA:ARTIST OF THE PORTRAIT,BBC 2, 9.50pm) so long as you don't expect the thrilling patchwork effect of Leslie Megahey's art films Artists and Models which culminate tomorrow night in the story of Gericault. Mr Martin goes directly from A to Z, with doubling back through dozens of side-streets.Everything is chronological, neatly contained within the framework of the Reynolds exhibition at the RA.The testimony of experts like Nicholas Penny, Professor Michael Kitson and Roger de Grey (serious men,in the main), and Rodrigo Moynihan (hint of twinkle as he takes issue with Reynolds's weakness for embellishing his subjects with "allegorical what-nots")is sensibly integrated with Joe Waters's exploration of the canvases and with Paul V Wheeler's exterior photography that occasionally produces a picture that would have drawn a gasp of delight from many a landscape painter during the Reynolds era.

● I wish I could write with more enthusiasm about JONI JONES (BBC 2,6.50pm) which modestly makes history by being the first Welsh language drama series on BBC2.It is well enough acted, in all conscience,and pleasantly photographed (in the Lleyn peninsula) and its evocation of rural life in 1943 Wales is scrupulously accurate.But I found R Gerallt Jones's tale of a young lad's straying from the path of virtue is only superficially interesting.

● NOTHING BUT THE BEST (BBC 1,10.50pm),the parents' guide to secondary education,continues to impress me. As a dossier of essential information,it does not contain one redundant fact.Tonight's film seeks to help parents and students over the hurdles that impede a decision on which higher education route to take. If there is common denominator in the opinions expressed,it is that in the A-level world, there should be no room for the *idee fixe.*

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Science - Into the Earth. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.20 Daytime on Two: for the moderately mentally handicapped young adult **9.35** Spanish conversation **9.52** Maths: how grids can be labelled **10.15** The story of the Boy From Space, by Richard Carpenter **10.38** How the villagers of a Japanese backwater make a living **11.00** A visit to a reconstructed shop at the North of England Open Air Museum at Beamish **11.17** Walrus **11.39** Science: electromagnetic spectrum **12.00** Running a family hotel in the French seaside resort of La Rochelle **12.30** Lesson 17 of the German for beginners' course **12.55 Ceefax 1.20** French conversation **1.38** Fishing with the Arbroath trawlermen **2.00** For four- and five-year olds **2.15** Surviving the hard times in the year 1601 **2.40** Creatures that live in the upper layers of the soil.

3.00 Ceefax.

5.30 News summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.35 Fast Forward. The last programme in the video fun series.

6.00 No Limits. Tony and Jenny are in Penzance talking to the locals and reviewing the latest pop records, videos and films.

6.50 Joni Jones. Part one of a new five-episode drama series based on the short stories by R.Gerallt Jones (see Choice)

7.20 Cartoon Two. Anna and Bella.

7.30 The Money Makers. A profile of Giovanni Agnelli, the head of Fiat, who is regarded as the most powerful private industrialist in Europe.

8.00 South East Reports. Malcolm Wilson with the inside story of what went wrong with the Dungeness B power station project which, in 1965, was expected to produce electricity 'too-cheap to meter'

8.30 Food and Drink. Chris Kelly investigates artificial food colouring; brown bread goes under the microscope; and the delights of a winter salad are extolled.

9.00 I, Claudius. Livia, horrified at the evil Caligula's involvement in the murder of his father, believes that he has set his sights on becoming the next Emperor (r)

9.50 Sir Joshua - Artist of the Portrait. A portrait of Sir Joshua Reynolds, coinciding with an exhibition of his work at the Royal Academy. The programme includes assessments of Reynolds' work by Rodrigo Moynihan, the Duke of Marlborough, and the Royal Academy's Nicholas Penny, and was filmed in a number of the great houses of which Reynolds was acquainted including Blenheim Palace and Port Elit. (see Choice)

10.50 Newsnight.

11.35 Weather.

11.40 Open University: Keighley, an Educational Report. Ends at 12.10

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Snooker. Dickie Davies introduces coverage of the first quarterfinal game in the Dulux British Open.

3.45 Years Ahead. A magazine programme series for the older viewer presented by Robert Dougall. This week's edition examines employment and the over-60s with Helen Marshall who was forced to retire at the age of 60 and is currently challenging the legality of earlier compulsory retirement for women in the European courts; and Anne Clwyd MP who has proposed a 10 minute rule bill to make age discrimination illegal. Paul Lewis continues his series on benefits by comparing the pension and welfare provision available in this country with that available in other EEC countries.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Jenny Baker from Ryde on the Isle of Wight.

5.00 Bewitched. Endora announces that she is coming to live at the house of her daughter and son-in-law after she loses her magical powers when coming into contact with a dodo.

5.30 More Than Meets the Eye. The first of a new six-part series about the world of flowers and flower arranging, presented by horticultural consultant, Sue Phillips. (Oracle)

6.00 Pop the Question. Pop nostalgia quiz. The regular team captains are joined this week by Neil Innes, Lyn Paul, Steve Blacknell, and Anne Nightingale.

6.30 Danger Man. Secret Service agent John Drake plays the part of an assassin in order to prevent an attempt on the life of a president making an official visit to a South American state.

7.00 Channel Four news includes reaction to today's speech by Gorbachov to the Party Congress.

7.50 Comment. With his views on a topical matter is the former prime minister, Lord Home of the Hirsel. **Weather.**

8.00 Brookside. Lucy looks for a shoulder to cry on; Heather arranges a meeting with Nicholas's ex-wife; and Harry's advert is printed in the local paper with the wrong wording.

8.30 Take Six Cooks. This final programme of the estimable series features Michael Nadell who owns and runs the Nadell Patisserie in North London. He illustrates how to make truffe au chocolat, tarte aux pommes and the perfect croissant. (Oracle)

9.00 Athletics. The Dairy Crest Games from RAF Cosford where a team from Great Britain meet a team representing the USSR.

10.00 The Bulshitters. A repeat of the comic parody of The Professionals starring Keith Allen and Peter Richardson as Bonehead and Foyle.

10.50 The Tube. A special film report on the Nigerian music scene (r). Ends at 12.20

Radio 4

5.55 am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today.

9.00 News

9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Listeners c an phone in andjoin a discussion about adolescence

10.00 News; from our own correspondent.

10.30 Morning Story: Day of Reckoning by Patricia Langdon-Davies. Reader: Ann Morrish

10.45 Daily Service (New every morning, page 5) (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-minute Theatre: The Red Shoes by Juliet Ace. With Anna Massey and Martin Jarvis.

11.33 The Living World: The naturalists look into listeners' questions.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice, with Pattie Coldwell

12.27 My Word! Panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden (s) **12.55** Weather; Travel

1.00 The World at One: News

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Caribbean Women's House. From Lambeth Town Hall, London.

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Red Telephone Box by Ken Whitmore. With Bob Grant (s)

4.00 News

4.05 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper takes a look at cheese (r)

4.30 Kaleidoscope.

5.00 m: News magazine

6.00 m News; Financial Report

6.30 Oh, Yes it is! A seven-part history of pantomine, narrated by Richard Briers (5)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4.Can anything be done to bring down property prices and free billions of pounds for more productive investment

8.00 Medicine Now.

8.30 The Tuesday Feature: The Troglodytes of Chinon.

9.00 In Touch.

9.30 Persona Grata. Rabbi Lionel Blue talks about three of his favourite characters from fiction

9.45 Kaleidoscope.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Lake Wobegon Days by Garrison Keillor (7)

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News; Weather

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Schools. **5.50-5.55 PM** (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University **11.30** Open Forum: Students' Magazine **11.50** Reading Development **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-time Broadcasting:

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News..

7.05 Morning Concert: Faure (Prelude: Penelope); Strauss (suite Der Rosenkavalier); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G major:Collard and French National Orchestra). **8.00** News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Haydn (Symphony No74), Schumann (Adagio and Allegro, op 70: Tuckwell,horn and Ashkenazy,piano); Brahms (Variations on the St Anthony Chorale, op 56a).**9.00** News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Stenhammar. The1890s overture: Excelsior, op 13; Attenberg's arrangement of Scherzo and Andante,Piano Concerto No 1: Irene Mannheimer,piano); Florenz and Blazeflor: Wixell, baritone); Two fantasies, Op 11:Scheja,piano)

10.00 A Passionate Spirit: Panufnik (Concerto Festivo); Szymanowski(Violin Concerto No1: Kulka and Polish National RSO).

10.45 Scarlatti and Soler: BBCC Singers and solo instrumentalists in a programme that includes Domenico Scarlatti's Laudate puen,for double chorus and double continuo),and Soler's Concerto No 2 in A minor, for two organs

11.10 Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir: pianos. Rossini (La Danza); Brahms waltzes, Op 39; Shubert (Rondo in D, D 608);Milhaud(the Scaramouche suite)

12.05 Midday Concert: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. with Joan Rodgers (soprano).Part one. Ireland (Satyricon overture);Patric Standford(Symphony No5). **1.00** ews.

1.05 Midday Concert: part two. Moeran (G minor Symphony).

1.55 Guitar Encores:Paul Gregory plays works by Milhaud (Segoviana), Coste (Andante et Polonaise), Faidit (Three troubadour songs) and de Visee..

2.25 Bach and After: Bach (Magnificat in D, BWV243,withMunich Bach Soloists and Orchestra,and soloissts including Fischer-Dieskau);Bernhard Krol (Magnificat: Variations for Bach-trumpet and orchestra: Hanover SO of North German Radio). Bach (Cantata No 215, with Arnold Schoenberg Choir and Berlin Chamber Orchestra).

3.25 Cricket: Fourth day of the First Test between West Indies and England.

6.30 Cantigas de Santa Maria: Songs assembled by Alfonso the Wise, King of Castile.Performed by Esther Lamadier (voice, harp, portative organ and viol).

7.00 Tancredi: the two-act opera by Rossini, sung in Italian. Chorus and Orchestra ofthe Teatro La Fenice, Venice,with a cast including Marilyn Horne in the title role, Leila Cuberli, and Ernesto Palacio.

10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Natural Music

11.00 The String Quartets of Dvorak: Lindsay String Quartet play the Quartet in A major (Cypresses No 10), and Quartet in G, Op 106.

11.45 Sacred and Profane: St Louis SO, with Frances Tietov (harp). Debussy (Danse saccree et danse profane).

11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown.

VHF only: Open University. from 6.35am to 6.55. Modern Art: Baudelaire.4..00 Linda Hirst and Oliver Davies: Mazzo and piano. Schoenberg (Four Songs, Op 2, and Two songs, Op14); Messiaen (Chants de terre et de ciel).**4.55** News.**5.00** Mainly for Pleasure:recorded music,presented by Graham Fawcett.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30pm, 7.30 and 8.30.** Cricket: First Test. West Indies v England. **1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 5.02, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only). **4.00am** Colin Berry (s) **6.00** Ray Moore (s) **8.05** Ken Bruce (s) **10.30** Jimmy Young incl. medical questions answered by Dr Bill Dolman (s) **1.05pm** David Jacobs (s) **2.00** Gloria Hunniford (s) **3.30** Music all the Way (s) **4.00** David Hamilton (s) **6.00** John Dunn (s) **8.00** Soccer Special (s) **9.30** BBC Radio Orchestra (s) **9.55** Sports Desk **10.00** On Cue. General knowledge quiz **10.30** The Name's the Game. (Barry Cryer and Duggie Brown with guests John Junkin and Jeremy Beadle) **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) **1.00am** Peter Dickson presents Nightride (s) **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music (s).

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **9.30pm** and at **12.00** midnight. **6.00am** Adrian John **7.30** Mike Read **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies including this week's Top 40 **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes (incl **6.30** a review of the new Top 40 singles chart) **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel (s) **VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00am** as Radio 2 **8.00** Old Stagers: Nat D. Ayer.**8.30** The Golden Years: with Alan Keith.**9.00** BBC Radio Orchestra. **9.55** Sports Desk.(10.00 as Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** as Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. **7.00** News. **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** My Country in Mind **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections. **8.15** Boardroom Kings. **8.30** Talking About Music. **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press. **9.15** The World Today. **9.30** Financial News. **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** What's New. **10.00** News. **10.01** Discovery. **10.30** Pride and Prejudice. **11.00** News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** Waveguide. **11.25** A Letter from Scotland. **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Deception. **12.45** Sports Roundup. **1.00** News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **1.30** Network UK. **1.45** Recording of the Week. **2.00** Outlook. **2.45** English Song **3.00** Radio Newsreel. **3.15** A Jolly Good Show. **4.00** News. **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus. **4.45** The World Today. **5.00** News. **5.09** A Letter from Scotland. **5.15** Meridian. **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **9.15** International Recital. **10.00** World News. **10.09** The World Today. **10.25** A Letter from Scotland. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** News. **11.09** Commentary **11.15** The Classic Albums. **11.30** Deception at War **12.00** News. **12.09** About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Omnibus. **1.00** News. **1.01** Outlook. **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style. **2.00** News. **2.09** Review of the British Press. **2.15** The Music Business. **2.30** Pride and Prejudice. **3.00** News. **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Discovery. **4.00** Newsdesk. **4.30** Waveguide. **4.40** Book Choice. **5.45** The World Today. All times in GMT.

BBC1 WALES 5.35-6.00pm Wales Today **6.35-7.00** The Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chat Show **9.30-10.00** Week in Week Out **10.00-10.50** James Last in Scotland **11.45-12.15am** Film 86 **12.15-12.20** News and weather **SCOTLAND 10.20-10.30** Dotaman **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.20-10.50** The Mother Tongue **10.50-11.20** Film 86 **11.20-11.50** A Toast To The Trams **11.50-11.55** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.40pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Charles in Charge **10.50-11.30** Boxing (Smithwicks Ulster Senior Championships) **11.30-11.55** Nothing But The Best **11.55-12.25am** Late Night In Concert (Ozzy Osbourne) **12.25-12.30** News and weather **ENGLAND 12.00-12.30pm** (East only) East on Two **6.35-7.00** Regional News Magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND 11.17am-11.39 Ulster in Focus **WALES 8.00pm-8.30** Indoor Bowls **SCOTLAND 8.00pm-8.30** Prosbaig **ENGLAND 8.00-8.30** Commuter Quiz (East); Body Talk (Midlands); Northern Lights (North); The Allotment Show (North East: Caution! Young Offenders (North-West); Exploring Gardens (South); Our Little Poland (South-West); Epidemic in Stroud (West)

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CHANNEL As London except: starts **9.25-9.30** For Openers **1.20** Channel News and Weather **1.30-2.30** A Country Practice **3.00-3.30** Questions **5.12** Puffin's Pla(i)ce **5.15-5.45** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Channel Report **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **12.30** Weather, Close

TYNE TEES As London except: starts **9.25-9.30** North East News **1.20-1.30** North East News and Lookaround **3.25-3.30** North East News **5.15-5.45** Look Who's Talking **6.00** Northern Life **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **12.25am** Power **12.30** Close

GRANADA As London except: **1.20-1.30** Granada Reports **3.25** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Small Wonder **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30** This Is Your Right **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **12.25am** Close

YORKSHIRE As London except: starts **9.25-9.30** Weather **12.30-1.00** Calendar Lunchtime Live **1.20-1.30** Calendar News **3.25** Calendar Headlines **3.30** A Country Practice **5.15-5.45** The Protectors **6.00** Calendar **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **12.25am** Close

ULSTER As London except: starts **9.25-9.30** The Day Ahead **1.20-1.30** Lunchtime **3.30** Indoor Gardening **3.45** Showcase **3.58-4.00** Ulster News **5.15-5.45** The Beverly Hillbillies **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25** Diary Dates **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **8.00** On Stage Tonight **8.30-9.00** The Cosby Shows **12.10am** News

ANGLIA As London except **12.30-1.00** Gardens for All **1.20-1.30** Anglia News and weather **3.25-3.30** Anglia News **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** About Anglia **6.35** Crossroads **7.00-7.30** Bygones **12.35** Tuesday Topic, Close

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30-1.30** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** Scottish News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** Scottish News and Scotland Today **6.35** Crossroads **7.00-7.30** Funny You Should Say That **8.00-9.00** Hotel **12.25am** Late Call **12.30** Close

S4C 1.00 Countdown **1.30** Alice **2.00** Hwnt Ac Yma **2.20** Ffalabalam **2.35** Hyn O Fyd **2.55** Snooker: Dulux British Open **3.45** Interval **3.55** Shakespeare Lives **4.25** Bewitched **4.55** Hanner Awr Fawr **5.30** Unforgettable **6.00** Otto Messmer and Felix the Cat **6.30** Crwydro'r Cledrau **6.45** Sioe Siarad **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Cefn Gwlad **8.00** Treasure Hunt, News Headlines **9.00** Deryn **10.00** Iesu Ddoe A Heddiw **10.30** How To Survive The Nine to Five **11.20** International Athletics **12.20** Close

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Cheaper home loans at bank

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

National Westminster, the biggest mortgage lender among the high street banks, yesterday announced that it is abolishing the premium of half a percentage point it has been charging on endowment home loans.

The move may herald the abolition of the much criticized endowment premium by other banks and building societies, making endowment loans as cheap as ordinary repayment loans.

NatWest is cutting its endowment rate from 13.5 per cent to 13 per cent with immediate effect for new borrowers and from March 1 for existing borrowers. This will reduce monthly repayments on endowment loans by 30p per £1,000 borrowed.

The bank has 130,000 borrowers, and has lent around £3.4 billion for house purchase. Around 12 per cent of NatWest borrowers have endowment loans.

Mr Philip Girle, general manager of NatWest's domestic banking division, said: "We are retaining our position as the leading bank in the mortgage finance market."

The change reflects strong competition in the mortgage market

Of the other big four clearing banks, Lloyds has already introduced the same rate of interest on new endowment mortgages, but existing borrowers continue to pay a premium.

Barclays is expected to announce a similar move to NatWest's in the near future.

The Halifax, the biggest building society, said yesterday that it might have to abolish the 0.5 per cent premium it charges on endowment loans, depending on what other competitors did. But Mr David Gilchrist, a general manager, gave a warning that the disappearance of the endowment premium would probably lead to a general rise in all mortgage rates of 0.25 per cent to make up for the loss in revenue.

Queen hit by egg in Auckland protest

From Stephen Taylor
Auckland

Yesterday's ugly incident in which the Queen was hit on the thigh by an egg thrown from a crowd has served as a grim reminder of her vulnerability to fanatics, as protests dogged the first round of official engagements on the Royal tour to New Zealand.

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, issued a statement last night in which he said such forms of protest were deplorable and unacceptable.

He would be apologizing to the Queen on behalf of the New Zealand Government and people, he said, but was confident that the present level of security was adequate.

Police said last night that two women, aged 21 and 20, would appear in Auckland District Court today on charges of assault and disorderly behaviour.

Missiles have been thrown at the Queen before, but it is thought this was the first time that she has been hit.

She looked momentarily distressed by the incident, which occurred as she was circling a race course and waving to a crowd of about 42,000 schoolchildren from an open vehicle, but quickly regained her composure.

Mr Michael Shea, her Press Secretary, said later she had been "completely unfazed" and that there would be no changes in the royal schedule.

Later in the day she and the Duke of Edinburgh went on a walkabout in Auckland city centre amid far tighter security precautions than had been evident earlier in the day.

Small but vociferous groups of protesters continued to follow the royal entourage with placards bearing anti-royalist slogans, and a civic welcome was repeatedly interrupted by calls of "Go home Liz".

The demonstrators included IRA sympathizers but were mainly protesting at what they claim are abuses of the Treaty of Waitangi under which in 1840 Maori chiefs ceded settlement rights to Britain in return for certain concessions. The majority of the protesters seemed to be whites rather than Maoris.

The egg-throwing occurred at Ellerslie race course where schoolchildren from all over New Zealand were lining the circuit. As the vehicle carrying the Queen and Prince Philip passed two young women dressed in what appeared to be official white coats each threw an egg.



Momentarily distressed, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh wipe egg from her coat.

One hit the Queen on the right thigh, spattering her pink coat, the other shattered on the vehicle's windscreen.

A female spectator made a lunge at the women, who were quickly seized and bundled away by police. Another distraught bystander called "How could you, how could you?"

As they were hustled off I asked one of the women what she had intended. She replied: "They come here but they don't honour the Treaty. It's a complete rip-off."

The vehicle carrying the royal couple continued on its way, and a great majority of the crowd had no inkling of what had taken place. But a small group of protesters appeared with signs carrying slogans like "Royal tours support racism."

Further along the route, flowers were tossed at the Queen. By the time she alighted she looked perfectly composed.

In the afternoon she and Prince Philip were given a civic welcome. Auckland has the biggest concentration of Pacific Islanders in the world and the community of Samoans, Tongans and Cook Islanders in traditional dress

About 20 or 30 protesters were still in evidence, however, and a speech by the Mayor of Auckland was heckled.

Since the incident in the morning the number of security men and policemen in attendance had swelled considerably.

There were no further incidents during the royal walkabout. A large crowd responded enthusiastically and was clearly angered and distressed by the actions of the protesters.

Police expect more demonstrations in Wellington where the royal party flies today and the organizers are indicating there may be other what they term "individual acts of protest."



Police arrest a young woman after the incident

Letter from Kampala

Ugandan soldier of misfortune

Lieutenant Colonel Olanya Djara is a sad figure. He sits alone staring blankly or wanders about looking for someone to talk to. He has just been told that his family has been wiped out.

He was the Uganda National Liberation Army Commander at Masaka Garrison in the months leading up to the take over by the National Resistance Army. The Masaka Barracks were under seige for several weeks before Lieutenant Colonel Ojara was forced to surrender. It was a hard time.

The UNLA tried to fly in food and supplies by helicopter, but Colonel Ojara complained that most of the drops fell into NRA hands. His troops were hungry and demoralized.

After his surrender he was taken to Kampala and put up in one of the best hotels in town, as have many officers from the former regime. He still wears his uniform and carries a handgun. He is a hard looking man, used to power and attention.

An Acholi by birth, he joined the Uganda Army in 1969 as an officer cadet. Two years later, when Idi Amin seized power, he was caught by Amin's, men who were carrying out a purge of Acholi officers in the Army. Badly wounded and taken for dead, he was driven in a truck loaded with corpses to be dumped in a swamp. He managed to jump off and was fired on, but he escaped into the bush and got to Sudan.

He made his way back to his village and lived there quietly under an assumed name until Amin was overthrown in 1979

"When there is a change of government in American or Britain, the Army does not change," he said. "But here every time the leader changes, the Army changes. So we have FUNA (the former Uganda National Army which was Amin's army), UNLA (the Army which drove Amin from power and became the National Army under Obote), and now NRA (Museveni's Army). Why should we not have just one army serving Uganda?"

Colonel Ojara said he would be happy to serve in any capacity the NRA saw fit for him. It is the standard reply of most captured UNLA officers. But when asked about the atrocities the UNLA carried out he became tetchy and defensive. Now he himself is a victim of them.

Two days ago he set off for Jinja to find his wife and two children, whom he left at the barracks there in November. He could not find them, but was told that they had tried to flee to Soroti in January as the NRA advanced. They had been caught at a UNLA roadblock and identified as Colonel Ojara's family. "This is the one who betrayed us in Masaka and surrendered," the soldiers are reported to have said before killing them.

"I have a strong heart. I can get another wife and children but..." Colonel Ojara's voice tailed off. He seems like a man who has been hurt for the first time in his life. "Why should they kill children? What could they do. What have they done?"

A Ugandan journalist who had just come from Soroti tried to reassure him that if such an incident had taken place he was sure to have heard about it. He was unconvincing. Too many women and children have been casually butchered in the past few weeks on that road by the retreating soldiers. There have been numerous reports that they have turned their guns on each other.

There was awkwardness between the two men: the soldier from the north and the journalist from the south. They had no common language but English

After the colonel had gone the journalist said: "It is hard not to feel sorry for him but this man lived by the gun all his life. Perhaps he was one of the ones who used to go round slitting open pregnant women saying they were looking for NRA bandits. You would not believe it, but it happened. It was done by men like him."

Richard Dowden

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend the Beethoven gala concert at The Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, 7.30.

Princess Anne addresses the Annual Convention of the Institute of Directors, Royal Albert Hall, 12; and then visits Planeve (trading as Mark Anthony), London, 3; and later dines with The Chatham Dining Club, St. Ermin's Hotel, London, 7.

The Duke of Gloucester opens the new Central Library, Ilford, Essex, 3.

Princess Alexandra presents the Sports Personality of the Year awards at BFBS Radio and SSVC Television, the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, SW1.

Last chance to see

Open Exhibition: artists of the South-west; Falmouth Art Gallery, 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30.

New exhibitions

It's all Writ out for You: the life and work of Scottie Wilson; Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends March 22).

Mainly watercolours by Pat Sharp; Collingwood College, Durham; Mon to Fri 9 to 5 (ends March 16).

As Time goes by: Us; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 1).

Jewish personalities in British life; The Sternberg Centre for Judaism, The Manor House, 80 East End Road, N3; Mon to Thurs 10 to 5, Fri 10 to 2, Sun 10 to 1 (ends March 16).

Exhibitions in progress

Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers Open exhibition of contemporary prints: Bankside Gallery, Blackfriars, SE1; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 6 (ends March 23).

Max Ernst: Histoire Naturelle; Experiments with Frottage; The Cooper Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley; Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30 (ends March 16).

John Bellany: recent portraits; National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends May 18).

Sculptures by Jan Wallis; South Square Gallery, Thornton, Bradford; Tues to Fri 11 to 1 and 2 to 5, Sat and Sun 2 to 4.30 (ends March 21).

Music

Organ recital by Thomas Trotter, Winchester College Chapel, 7.30.

Organ recital by David Flood, Town Hall, Leeds, 1.05.

Recital by the Royal Academy of Music, Southwark Cathedral, SE1, 1.10.

Piano recital by Richard McMahon, 1.05; Concert by The London Sinfonietta, 7.30; St. David's Hall, Cardiff.

Piano recital by Dominic Seligman, Chichester Cathedral, 1.10.

Recital by Domus Piano Quartet, Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2, 1.05.

Organ recital by Colin Harrison, Maxwell Hall, Salford University, 12.35.

Recital by The Holburne Group, St Vedast's, Foster Lane, EC2, 1.10.

Organ recital by Kemp English, Wesley's Chapel, City Road, EC1, 12.30.

Recital by Jonathan Tobutt (oboe) and David Dubery (piano), Accrington Library, St. James's Street, 12.45.

Recital by Jane Goodwin (cello) and Richard Greenwood (piano), St Martin-in-the-Fields, 1.05.

Organ recital by Catherine Ennis, St. Lawrence Jewry, EC2, 1.

Concert by Guildhall Jazz Band, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican 7.

Organ recital by Dr. William Cole, The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, Strand, 6.30.

Talk, lectures

Fashion 1920-1970, by Eileen Graham, 12; Seventeenth century English portrait miniatures: The artists, by Imogen Stewart, 1.15, Victoria & Albert Museum.

Correcting Nature: Reynolds' discourses on art, by Malcolm Andrews, Goldsmiths' Theatre, The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel St, WC1, 6.15.

Into the unconscious: Freud, by Dr. Nick Isbister, The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, St. Peter's Church, Vere St, W1, 1.10.

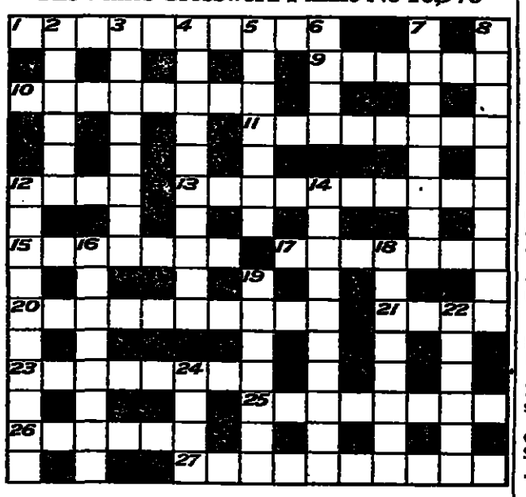
Roman Bath, by Mr Stephen Bird, Attenborough Lecture Theatre 1, Leicester University, 5.15.

Foxes, by Joyce Pope, Natural History Museum, South Kensington, 3.

Nuclear physics, by Anthony Wilson, Science Museum, South Kensington, 1.

Beginnings and endings: Degas, the Impressionists and unfinished paintings, by Colin Wiggins, The National Gallery, Trafalgar Sq, 1.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,978



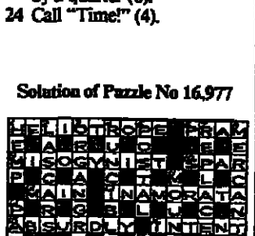
ACROSS

1 Cheerful message received — that's standard (5,5).
9 Country written about in Kings, I (6).
10 Magazine's auditor (8).
11 A bit of ice, nonetheless, could make you very happy (8).
12 King employs fashionable accountant (4).
13 A peal at noon, perhaps (5,5).
15 10 in business in Winchester, for instance (4-3).
17 Annoyed, being confused by drug (7).
20 Fight put up by Jerry? (5-5).
21 Theatrical party (4).
23 A beautiful creature rejecting fancy appetiser (8).
25 Given too much money, provide a lot of change (8).
26 For example, a landlord (6).
27 Huge moth Colin and I disturbed (10).

DOWN.

2 The point in hunter's prayer (6).
3 One being taught to repeat "I can read" (8).
4 Finally find note Arthur misplaced (3,2,5).
5 Refuse to store car without a key (7).
6 Girl's inheritance considerably whittled down (4).
7 Left very much as laid down (8).
8 Punch interrogated in nursery rhyme (5,5).
12 Without ceremony, put a friend in the picture (10).
14 Fiddle, the musical instrument for a fairy (6,4).
16 Game's course interrupted by a point to be retaken (8).
18 Worn out and stuck up, I dropped it (8).
19 Clown in bare skin, with nothing on (7).
22 Italian family reduced drug by a quarter (6).
24 Call "Time!" (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,977



TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending February 15:

BBC 1
1 EastEnders (Thu/Sun) 23.70m
2 EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 23.40m
3 Boxing : Barry McGuigan 18.30m
4 Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show 16.20m
5 That's Life 14.05m
6 Hi-De-Hi 13.75m
7 News and Weather (Sun 21:13) 13.65m
8 Every Second Counts 13.60m
9 Till Death Us Do Part 12.50m
10 Bluebell 12.40m

ITV
1 Wish You Were Here (Mon/Wed) Thames 17.70m
2 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 17.30m
3 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 17.10m
4 Duty Free Yorkshire 15.10m
5 The Bill Thames 14.80m
6 Surprise, Surprise LWT 14.40m
7 This is Your Life Thames 14.30m
8 Crossroads (Tue) Central 13.90m
9 Never The Twain Thames 13.75m
10 Crossroads (Wed) Central 13.50m

BBC 2
1 Yes Prime Minister 5.75m
2 Forty Minutes 5.55m
3 Song of Experience 4.80m
4 Star Trek 4.55m
5 Food and Drink 4.45m
6 The Bob Monkhouse Show 4.35m
7 M A S H 4.30m
8 Ski Sunday 4.00m
9 Crufts 85 3.95m
10 An Elephant Called Slowly 3.85m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Tue/Sat) 7.06m
2 Georgy Girl 6.25m
3 Treasure Hunt 5.90m
4 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.15m
5 Countdown (Fri) 3.90m
6 Countdown (Thu) 3.85m
7 Countdown (Tue) 3.70m
8 Countdown (Wed) 3.55m
9 Countdown (Mon) 3.45m
10 Quo Vadas? 3.40m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes): BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.4m (7.6m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.2m (10.5m) Sat 2.50m (5.0m) Sun 1.3m
Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Anniversaries

Births: Auguste Renoir, Limoges, France, 1841; Enrico Caruso, Naples, 1873.

Deaths: Sir Christopher Wren, London, 1723; Tomas Moore, poet and musician, Devizes, Wiltshire, 1852; Sir John Tenniel, illustrator (*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*), London, 1914; George Minot, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Brookline, Massachusets, 1950; Mark Rothko, pioneer of Colour Field Painting, New York, 1970.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Local Government Rate Limitation Order and Local Government Reorganization Pensions Order.

Lords (2.30): Shops Bill and Salmon Bill, third reading.

Roads

The Midlands: M5: Major widening continues SW of Bromsgrove and Birmingham SW of the A38 (junction 5/Droitwich); no access N at junction 5; contraflow with 50 mph speed limit. **A41:** Temporary traffic lights at Hatton, Warwick. **A49:** Three sections under repair between Ludlow and Shrewsbury.

Wales and West: A48: Single line traffic on eastbound carriageway between Briton Ferry and Baglan. **A48:** Roadworks with temporary lights between Llandarog and Nantycaws, Dyfed.

The North: A1 (M): Southbound carriageway closed between Blyth and Wadworth, S Yorkshire; contraflow on northbound carriageway. **A49:** Work N and S of Tarporley, Cheshire, in connection with Tarporley bypass. **A6120:** Severe delays at peak periods on the Leeds outer ring road at junction with Tongue Lane.

Scotland: Edinburgh: Temporary traffic lights at the junction with Fountainbridge Road and Grove Street; delays at peak hours. Resurfacing in Pinkie Road, Musselburgh, Lothian, between King Street and Park Lane; diversion signposted. **M73:** Inside lanes of both carriageways closed between Maryville interchange (junction 1) and Ballieston interchange (junction 2).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.05
Austria Sch	24.35	23.15
Belgium Fr	71.70	67.90
Canada $	2.10	2.01
Denmark Kr	12.93	12.23
Finland Mkk	7.68	7.48
France Fr	10.68	10.13
Germany Dm	3.48	3.30
Greece Dr	252.00	227.00
Hong Kong $	11.70	11.20
Ireland Pt	1.162	1.085
Italy Lire	2370.00	2240.00
Japan Yen	278.00	264.00
Netherlands Gld	3.82	3.73
Norway Kr	10.86	10.31
Portugal Esc	225.50	214.50
South Africa Rd	3.20	2.90
Spain Pta	214.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	11.07	10.52
Switzerland Fr	2.90	2.75
USA $	1.525	1.455
Yugoslavia Dar	540.00	490.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.
Retail Price Index: 378.7
London: The *FT* Index closed up 19.2 at 1275.2.

Snow Reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbuhel	70	178	good	powder	fair	cloud	-5
New powder on hard base							
St Anton	120	320	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Good piste skiing							
Solden	90	210	good	varied	fair	snow	-2
Good skiing conditions							
FRANCE							
Flaine	135	345	good	powder	good	cloud	-5
New snow on good base							
Les Arcs	140	200	good	powder	good	fair	2
New snow on good base							
Val Thorens	230	420	good	varied	good	fine	-2
Fantastic new snow							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans-Mont	130	200	good	varied	good	cloud	1
Excellent skiing on new snow							
Grindelwald	35	110	fair	varied	fair	snow	-2
Poor visibility							
Gstaad	50	140	good	heavy	fair	snow	0
Slush on lower slopes							
St Moritz	110	160	good	varied	good	cloud	-2
Good skiing and snow falling							
Saas Fee	140	300	good	heavy	good	cloud	-1
New snow on hard base							
Verbier	70	260	good	varied	fair	cloud	0
Good piste skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

Weather forecast

Pressure will remain high over Iceland and low S of Britain.

6am to midnight

London, East Anglia, Midlands, Wales, NW England, Isle of Man: Mostly dry, sunny periods, perhaps patchy freezing fog at first; wind E light, increasing moderate; max temp 4C (39F).

SE, central S England: Mostly dry, sunny periods; wind E moderate, increasing fresh; max temp 4C (39F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Some snow flurries later, drifting of lying snow; wind E fresh, locally gale later; max temp 4C (39F).

Lake District, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Scattered sleet or snow showers; wind E light; max temp 5C (41F).

E, central N, NE England, Border, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Sleet or snow showers; wind E light or moderate; max temp 4C (39F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Snow showers, heavy in the N, remaining rather cold with severe frost overnight and patchy freezing fog in the N.

Sun Rises: 6.55 am Sun Sets: 5.33 pm
Moon sets: 7.39 am Moon rises: 6.43 pm
Last quarter March 3.

Lighting-up time

London 6.03 pm to 6.23 am
Bristol 6.13 pm to 6.33 am
Edinburgh 5.08 pm to 6.43 am
Manchester 5.08 pm to 6.34 am
Penzance 6.27 pm to 6.43 am.

Yesterday

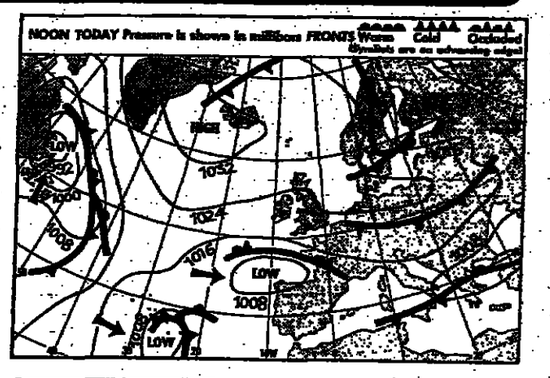
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	3	37	Guernsey	s	6	43
B'mingham	f	1	34	Inverness	f	2	36
Blackpool	s	3	37	Jersey	s	6	43
Bristol	s	2	36	London	s	2	36
Cardiff	s	0	32	M'chester	f	1	34
Edinburgh	f	4	39	Newcastle	sn	1	34
Glasgow	c	1	34	Prkdeanry	s	3	37

Portfolio

Portfolio - how to play
Monday-Saturday: record your daily Portfolio total.
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If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.
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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; hail; mist-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; ps-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade.

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.19	7.1	2.43	7.3
Aberdeen	1.49	4.2	1.49	4.4
Avonmouth	7.44	13.0	8.09	13.2
Belfast	11.29	3.5	11.49	3.2
Cobh	7.29	12.0	7.54	12.1
Devonport	5.21	5.5	5.47	5.4
Dover	11.25	6.4	11.50	6.7
Falmouth	5.51	5.3	6.17	5.2
Glasgow	1.28	4.2	1.13	4.9
Harwich	12.07	3.8	12.31	4.0
Holyhead	10.51	5.7	11.12	5.5
Hull	6.55	7.2	7.02	7.5
Ilfracombe	6.32	9.1	6.55	9.1
Leith	3.06	5.4	3.28	5.6
Liverpool	11.50	9.4		
Lowestoft	10.17	2.2	10.09	2.5
Margate	12.22	4.7	12.52	4.7
Milford Haven	6.48	7.1	7.09	7.0
Newquay	5.38	7.1	5.59	7.0
Oban	6.15	4.1	6.50	4.0
Peasence	5.17	5.6	5.45	5.5
Portland	7.27	2.2	8.12	2.1
Portsmouth	11.55	4.5		
Shoreham	11.45	6.2		
Southampton	11.29	4.4	11.56	4.6
Swansea	6.53	9.4	7.14	9.5
Tees	4.10	5.2	4.17	5.5
Tilbury	12.04	4.9	12.28	4.1
Weston-s-Mare				

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	6	0.07	3	37	sunny
Bridlington	4.5	0.10	3	37	bright
Cromer	6	-	1	34	sunny
Lowestoft	5.2	-	0	32	bright
Clacton	2.3	0.01	0	32	bright
Margate					
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	1.3	-	1	34	cloudy
Hastings	1.2	0.01	2	36	bright
Eastbourne	0.3	0.02	2	36	cloudy
Brighton	-	-	0	32	snow
Worthing	0.3	-	3	37	cloudy
Littlehampton	0.9	-	2	36	cloudy
Bognor R	1.1	0.01	2	36	cloudy
Southsea	0.2	-	2	36	cloudy
Sandown					
Shanklin	0.6	0.06	1	34	cloudy
Bournemth		- 0.02	1	34	cloudy
Poole		- 0.02	1	34	cloudy
Swanage		- 0.02	2	36	cloudy
Weymouth		- 0.01	2	36	dull
Exmouth		- 0.02	1	34	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.1	0.06	2	36	snow
Torquay		- 0.09	2	36	snow
Falmouth		- 0.28	0	31	snow
Penzance		- 0.43	1	34	snow
Jersey		- 0.18	1	34	snow
Guernsey		- 0.08	2	36	snow
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles		- 0.31	3	37	sleet
Newquay		- 0.9	1	34	snow

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Stornoway	2.1	-	1	34	snow
Tiree		-	1	34	cloudy
Campbeltown		-	2	36	sunny
Dunstaffnage		-	2	36	bright
Douglas	6	-	2	36	sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London		-	0	32	snow
Heath Airpt	5.8	-	0	32	bright
Bristol (Cot)		-	0	32	snow
Cardiff (Cot)	0.4	-	0	32	cloudy
Anglesey	5.4	-	2	36	sunny
B'pool Airpt	3.8	-	3	37	sunny
Manchester	8	-	1	34	snow
Nottingham	6.7	-	-1	30	snow
N'cst-u-Tyne	4.1	-	4	39	snow
Carlisle	7.9	-	2	36	snow
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	7.3	-	0	32	snow
Prestwick	8	-	4	39	sunny
Glasgow	6.5	-	5	41	sunny
Tiree	9.3	-	4	39	sunny
Stornoway	4.9	-	5	41	bright
Lerwick	5	-	4	39	snow
Wick	9	-	5	41	sunny
Kinloss	7.5	0.09	5	41	sunny
Aberdeen	4.6	0.03	3	37	bright
St Andrews					
Edinburgh	3.3	0.11	1	34	snow
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	8	-	3	37	snow

These are Sunday's figures.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Alaccio	s	14	57	Cologne	sn	-6	21
Alicante	s	17	63	C'phage	s	-4	25
Alex'dria	c	18	66	Corfu	c	14	57
Algiers	s	23	73	Dublin	f	4	39
Amst'dam	s	0	32	Dubrovk	c	12	54
Athens	s	17	63	Faro	c	18	61
Bahrain				Florence	c	15	59
Barbados	f	28	82	Frankfurt	s	-4	25
Barcelna	r	12	54	Funchal	c	18	64
Beirut				Geneva	s	3	37
Belgrade	sn	-2	28	Gibraltar	s	18	61
Berlin	c	-5	21	Helsinki	s	-13	9
Bermuda	f	22	72	Hong K	f	17	63
Biarritz	c	12	54	Innsbruck	sn	-5	23
Bou'tne	s	0	32	Istanbul	s	14	57
Bomby	c	7	45	Jeddah	s	28	82
Brussels	s	-2	28	Jo'burg	f	25	77
Budpst	sn	-3	27	Karachi	s	27	81
B Aires	f	33	91	L Palmas	s	20	68
Cairo	f	21	70	Lisbon	f	15	59
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Locarno	s	7	45
C'blanca	c	16	61	Luxembg	s	-3	27
Chicago				L Angeles			
Clr'chrch	r	18	64	Madrid	d	10	50

		C	F			C	F
Majorca	f	17	63	Rome	c	15	59
Malaga	s	21	70	Salzburg	sn	-3	27
Malta	f	15	59	S Paulo	s	23	84
Melb'rne	s	22	72	S Prisco	c	13	55
Mexico C	f	17	63	Santiago	s	19	66
Milan	s	9	48	Seoul	s	0	32
Monpelier	s	9	48	Singapor	f	32	90
Montreal	sn	-8	18	Stockhm	s	-13	12
Moscow	c	-8	18	Strasb'g	s	-6	21
Munich	c	-6	21	Sydney	c	20	68
Nairobi	s	19	84	Tangier	c	15	59
N Delhi	s	20	68	Tel Aviv	f	18	64
N York	c	2	36	Tenerife	s	21	70
Nice	s	15	59	Toronto	c	-2	28
Oslo	s	-6	21	Tunis	s	24	75
Paris	s	-1	30	Warsaw	f	17	63
Perth	f	23	73	Venice	s	6	43
Prague	s	-7	19	Vienna	s	-7	19
Reykjvk	s	2	36	Warsaw	f	-1	19
Rhodes	s	17	63	Washton	f	4	39
Riyadh	f	27	81	Wel'ngtn	r	19	66
Rio de J	c	28	82	Zurich	sn	-5	23

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